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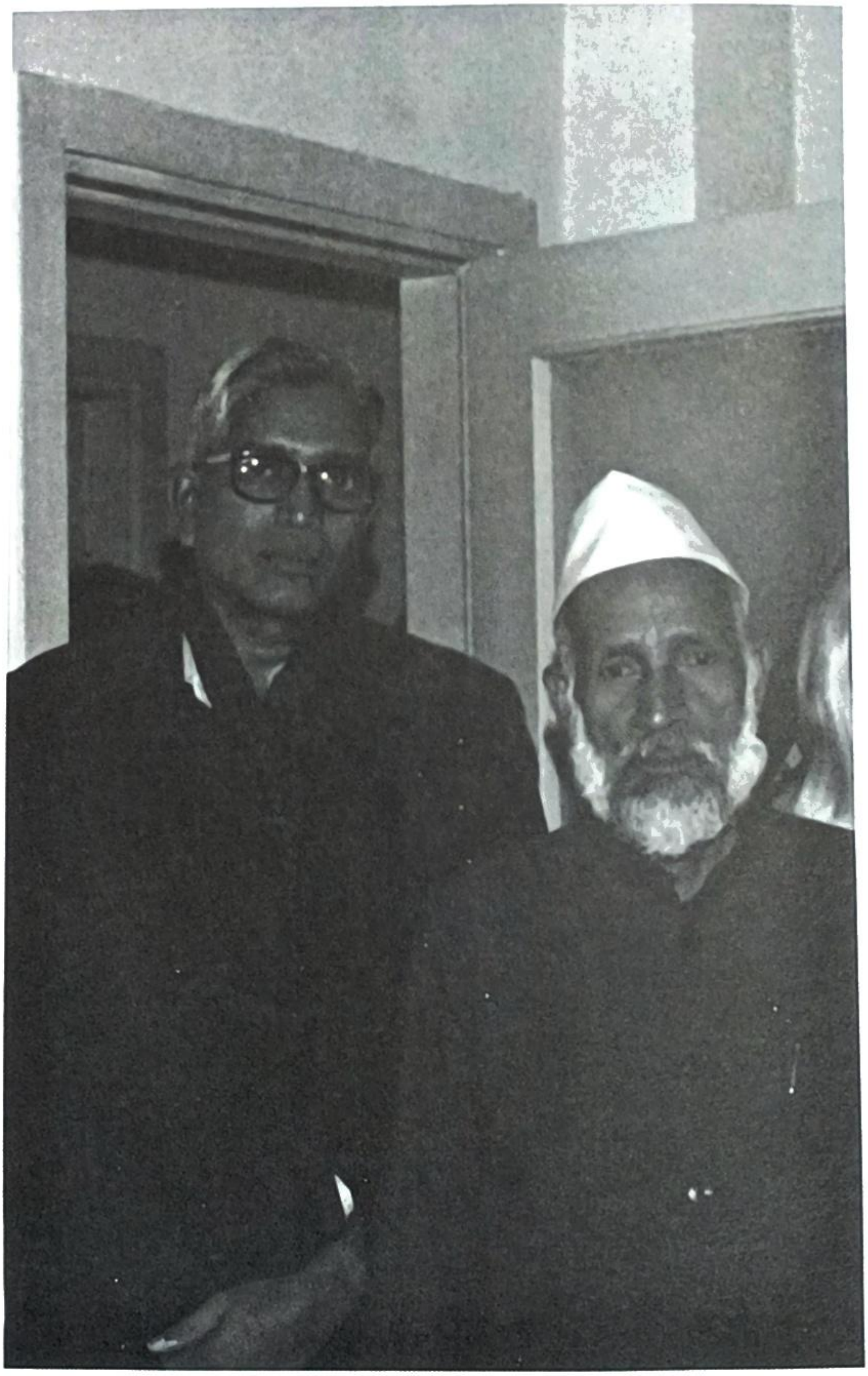

Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachariji and Shri Ram Chandraji during their visit to Italy in 1972

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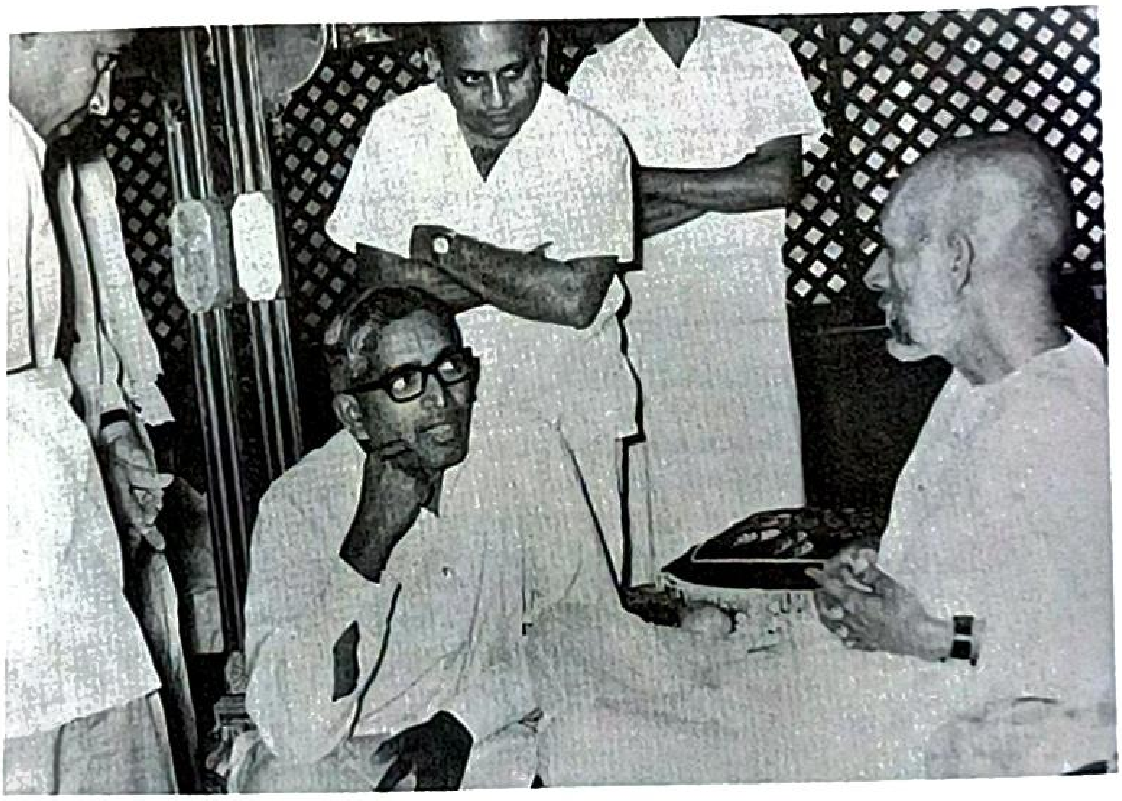

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2nd November 1967

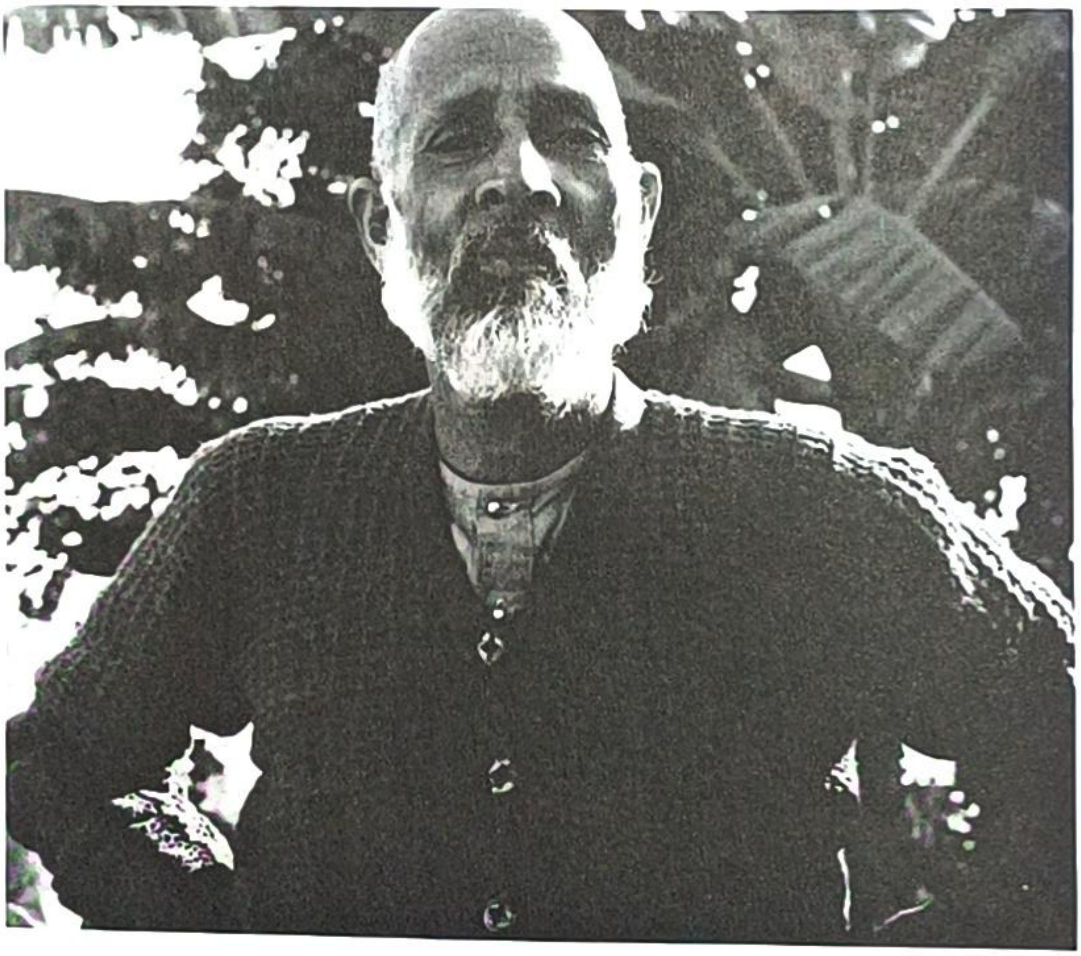
Revered Master,

I am enclosing herewith the final draft of Dr. K.C. Varadachari's introduction to a new publication as desired by him for inclusion when the book is published.

I am glad to hear from my father that you are better. We are all eagerly looking forward to your visit.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi



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25th January 1968

Revered Master,

I am grateful to you for your affectionate letter of the 20th. I shall be arriving in Shahjahanpur on the evening of Thursday the 1st February 1968 from Bareilly, accompanied by one or two of our Delhi abhyasis, including Mr. Swaminathan formerly of Calcutta. We keenly look forward to your *darshan.*

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
19th February 1968

Revered Master,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 15th. I have already written to Mr. Robert Koch and sent to you a copy together with a copy of my letter to Mr. Poray as well as to Mr. Frere Antoine Chauvel of Pondicherry pertaining to the French translation of *Reality at Dawn.* All these copies were posted to you on Saturday, and, when I went home, I found your kind letter to me.

I now attach herewith my report covering Dr. K.C. Varadachari's visit to Madurai and Trichy accompanied by me. There was very good response at both centres, and, I believe, that frequent visits by eminent persons to such centres would help in strengthening them very considerably. I am sorry to say that Salem Centre is not responding well and it requires Master's special grace.

On the way from Shahjahanpur to New Delhi, while discussing methods of raising finance for construction, I understood from Mr. Sundara that the Finance Ministry has recently given a large grant to the Ramakrishna Mission at Mysore for certain construction work. Therefore, based on his advice, it was decided that the Sahaj Marg Research Institute should apply for a grant, and we have therefore made out an appeal, the original of which is going to Mr. Sundara today to be put up to the Government of India.

I have pleasure in attaching hereto a copy of the letter for Head Office records, and I trust this will have your approval.

About personal matters, I shall write to you separately.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosures: as above

Mission Work Report

Accompanied Dr. K.C. Varadachari to Madurai. Arrived Madurai morning of Thursday 8th February 1968. Shri S.K. Rajagopalan arrived in the afternoon from Trichy.

Individual sittings by Dr. KCV to:

i) Shri S. Sethuratnam
ii) Shri B.K. Rajagopal
iii) Shri K.K. Ramakrishnan

New introductions:

1) Shri K. Navanathan
   Virudhunagar - by Dr. KCV

2) Shri T.N. Ramakrishnan
Madurai - by Dr. KCV

3) Shri M.V. Ramakrishnan
Madurai - by Dr. KCV

4) Dr. T.S. Unni
Madurai - by Shri SKR

5) Prof. P. Vanchinathan
Madurai - by Dr. KCV

At 6:30 P.M. Dr. KCV delivered a public lecture at the "Anandashram Hall" in Mahal 1st Street on "Sahaj Marg". Shri M. Krishnamoorthy, Controller of Labour and Personnel, M/s. A. & F. Harvey Ltd., Madurai, presided. The talk lasted nearly one hour. Later Shri S.K. Rajagopalan rendered the gist of it in Tamil.

Friday 9th February 1968

New Introductions:

1) Shri C. Vittalnathan
Madurai - by Shri SKR

2) Shri V.V. Krishnamachari
Madurai - by Dr. KCV

3) Shri W.H. Srinivasan
Madurai - by Shri SKR

In the morning at 8 A.M. Shri SKR conducted satsangh in the Anandashram Hall.

Ninth evening arrived Tiruchirapalli — stayed at the residence of Capt. T.N. Ramaswamy. Total about ten new introductions — mostly done by Shri SKR. I have made no record of this as Trichy will complete it.

Saturday 10th February 1968

In the morning at 7:30 we had satsangh in the new "Sahaj Marg Hall" constructed in the first floor of his house. Later I welcomed the gathering and Dr. KCV formally inaugurated the Hall.

Dr. KCV delivered a public lecture at the K.A.P. Viswanathan High School at 6:30 P.M. Dr. Kalamegam presided.

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18th Feb. 1968

6th March 1968

Revered Master,

Your kind and affectionate letter of the 28th. I am glad you have approved of the action taken in all matters so far as covered by the previous correspondence. My father has posted to Chief Justice Shri Anantanarayanan the letter sent by you to him on the very day it was received.

As regards French translation of *Reality*, I am writing to the French gentleman today at Anandashram, Pondicherry to add the sentence as desired by you. I am sorry to hear you were suffering from headache. We all hope that you are quite well again. The Sahaj Marg movement is definitely gaining substantial ground and not a week passes without at least one or two new members coming into the *sanstha*. Madurai centre is developing quite well, and I think the time is not far off when we shall have to have a second person permitted to do the work. I have in my mind for this Mr. S. Sethuratnam, whom you have also met. Dr. Varadachari has also seen him during his recent visit to Madurai centre and approves of the choice. I think this gentleman can be permitted provisionally on your next visit to the south if you agree. While Shri Thasma Swamy is capable of looking after the *satsangis* drawn from the trading class, Mr. Sethuratnam will be able to handle those members who are in a better social level and who are educated well.

As far as we can see, Trichy centre is also developing very well and we feel that Capt. Ramaswamy will do sincere work for the Mission. He has become very devoted and it is only a question of time before Trichy centre also becomes a very big centre. I have noted your remarks regarding Salem and I trust that by Master's grace that centre will also take root in a firm way.

Now that the books have been received, we shall proceed with the printing and I hope to look out for a press next week after Chi. Krishna's *Upanayanam* celebrations are concluded. There may be some delay in printing these books because the text book printing season has commenced and it may be difficult to get a suitable press which will also undertake the work in an urgent manner. However, we have been so long without books that perhaps it is better to wait for a month or two if necessary and get the work done in the best possible manner.

Thank you for sending me a copy of Mr. Poray's letter. I am sure he will really do good work in France, but, perhaps, he will take some time to feel his way and begin.

In closing, we all pray for your divine blessings to Chi. Krishna on the auspicious occasion of his *Upanayanam*. I pray with your divine guidance he may go to what a human being should develop to be, with all the attributes leading to divinisation and realisation. I pray that he may have your constant guidance and spiritual direction.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Camp Hyderabad
19th March 1968

Revered Master,

I am grateful to you for your kind letter of the 12th to which I could not reply earlier as I have been extensively touring the last few weeks. I actually returned to Madras only on Sunday the 17th morning after a visit to Madurai and Trivandrum, and the same evening I had to go here for our annual conference. I shall be here for the rest of this week, and after that I may perhaps go on a tour of Madhya Pradesh for one more week, but that is still not decided.

Shri Seshadri had recently visited Trichy and Madurai centres, and actually he arrived in Madurai the day I left for Trivandrum and therefore I was not able to meet him there. All the abhyasis there must have met him, at least those who had been informed of his visit. That centre will develop well by Your Grace.

We are grateful to Master for the benevolent good wishes and blessings to Chi. Krishna on the auspicious occasion. By Your Divine Grace he must develop into a model person of the highest spiritual attainments in the service of humanity. It is all your Grace and Divine Will. I shall ask him to write essays as per your advice.

We are happy to hear that *Reality at Dawn* is almost ready. I shall give the other books for print as soon as I return to Madras. I am anxious to re-read them once so as to avoid any mistakes that may be there. The books will be ready within one month of giving for print. We propose to price them at Rs. 5.00 per copy and make it available to our centres at Rs. 4.00 per copy for sale to abhyasis. I trust this will have your approval. I believe that under pricing in the long run damages the reputation of the books. We can price reasonably and offer concessions wherever necessary. In the context of current prices of paper and materials, the price suggested by me will not be unreasonable at all.

I am glad that the printing of the collected works is to be entrusted to Madras. I pray that we may justify the faith and confidence in us. The work will receive maximum attention and no effort or expense will be spared in making it a really noteworthy presentation of which all may be proud. I pray that the work may be permitted to be taken up in the end of the current year, as by then the other books will be out, and the time will be ripe for the *Collected Edition*.

At the time of reprinting of the Tamil edition of *Reality* we shall add the sentence given by you there also. The work is being revised by my father, and printing will be perhaps in May.

We pray that Chi. Umesh will be blessed with success and that his stay at Vijayawada will be happy and comfortable.

I have taken note of the letter to Mr. Poray. No doubt he will write in detail after he has established himself in the WORK.

With Pranams at your Divine Feet,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

5th April 1968

Revered Master,

Mr. Robert Koch has sent me a copy of his letter to you dated 31st March, which indicates that he is now ready and prepared to begin the work in Germany. I pray, therefore, that he may be permitted to commence. A copy of my letter to him of date is attached for your information.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: 1

5th April 1968

Robert Koch Esq.
896 Kempten
P.F. 230
West Germany

Beloved brother,

I am so happy to receive a copy of your letter dated 31st March, addressed to our Master. We are also very pleased that you have changed your environment and you have now finally found a place at Kempten. I hope that the new life that you will begin here will be one filled with joys and spiritual uplift, ensuring also of course the necessary material welfare, without which the other is sometimes very difficult.

I am also pleased to note that you find at Kempten and Oberstdorf a possible field for spiritual work. As regards development of the field, you, of course, know that all the work done is by Master's grace and by His divine power alone. We are but instruments of that divine will and power, and so long as we surrender our self, ego and personality to that divine, the work will follow His design and plans. I therefore commend the field to your immediate attention and I am praying to our Master to immediately entrust you with the necessary spiritual power to commence the work.

I am sure Mrs. Koch must be delighted with the change from Duderstadt. You have not written to me for quite some time about her progress and her experiences. Please be assured that I am very keen on hearing of her progress also and I would like you to take the trouble of including her in your letters to me.

Here we are all going on well with our work both material and spiritual, though the latter pervades the former, and I believe, by the grace of our Master, some progress is being made by all the people associated with this work. Practically, every day sees the entry of new students of yoga into our system and the various centres located in India are growing bigger and stronger perceptibly now. This great and unique system of spiritual uplift of humanity is truly developing and spreading and it will not be much longer before it spreads in Europe by your efforts coupled with the efforts of Mr. Poray in France. I pray that Europe may receive His grace and grow in spiritual stature.

You will be pleased to hear that I am leaving tomorrow for Allahabad, a city in central India, where we have a major centre, to attend a public meeting in connection with our system of Sahaj Marg. Our Master will also be there, and I will therefore be blessed with his vision. I am accompanying Dr. K.C. Varadachari of Tirupati, one of the very senior-most preceptors and highly enlightened souls of our Mission. I will be back in Madras by the 12th and thereafter I shall write to you again regarding these matters.

With Best Wishes to Mrs. Koch and to you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, Shahjahanpur

23rd April 1968

Revered Master,

I am happy to inform you that at least a tape recorder for Tirupati has been bought. It is a Crown tape recorder know as CROWNCORDER CTR 5400 Model with two speeds and two-track recording identical to the one with you but the latest model and capable of recording up to nearly three hours. I shall be delivering this to Dr. Varadachari as soon as I return from tour. I am leaving tomorrow on a tour of about fifteen days and I expect to be back in Madras by the 11th. All are well at home.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Dr. K.C. Varadachari

22nd May 1968

Revered Master,

I have pleasure in attaching herewith Work Report No. 3 covering Mission work done during recent tour of South India undertaken by me, on which my wife Sow. Sulochana also accompanied me.

I am happy to report increased response in Salem. I am also happy to report that Shri K. Govindaswamy at Ooty has offered to conduct satsangh in his house on Sundays. There are five members there, and I hope by your grace a centre will soon emerge in Ooty.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Work Report No. 3

I have recently covered Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Trivandrum, Coimbatore, Ooty, Bangalore and Salem. The following is to report on Mission work conducted on this tour:-

Wednesday 24th April 1968 (Salem)

New Introductions

1. Shri P. Subramanian
   3, Pulikuthi East St., No. 3
   Gugai
   Salem - 6
2. Shri K.N. Aiyasami
   Proprietor, M/s. Salem Colour Co.
   154 Appu Chetty St.
   Salem - 2

General Sitting

The following sat for meditation:

1. Shri N.V.P.S. Thiagarajan
2. Shri P. Sundara Rajan
3. Shri P.T. Seshadri

Thursday 25th April 1968

General satsangh in the morning; the following attended:

1. Shri N.V.P.S. Thiagarajan
2. Shri N.V.P.S. Vijayaraghavan
3. Shri P. Sundara Rajan
4. Shri P. Ramaraju
5. Shri P.T. Seshadri
6. Shri T.T. Santhanam

Second sittings given to:

1. Shri P. Subramanian
2. Shri K.N. Aiyasami

Thursday 25th April 1968 (Madurai)

Individual sittings given to:

1. Shri S. Sethuratnam
2. Shri Malusekharan
3. Shri Mohan Venkatraman

Friday 26th April 1968

Individual sittings given to:

1. Shri Thasma Swamy
2. Shri Mohan Venkatraman
3. Shri S. Sethuratnam

Evening satsangh attended by:

1. Shri Thasma Swamy
2. Shri Mohan Venkatraman
3. Shri N.S. Govindier
4. Shri C.S. Vaidianathan
5. Shri T.T. Santhanam

Saturday 27th April 1968 (Virudhunagar)

New introductions by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi:

1. Mrs. T.K. Ganapathi Iyer
   (mother of Shri G. Ramakrishnan)

Satsangh held by me attended by:

1. Shri G. Ramakrishnan
2. Shri P.K. Venkatesan
3. Shri K. Navanathan

Sunday 28th April 1968

Second sitting given by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi to:

1. Mrs. T.K. Ganapathi Iyer

Sunday 28th April 1968 (Tirunelveli)

New introductions by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi:

1. Mrs. Muthulakshmi
   8 Sripuram
   Tirunelveli Town

Monday 29th April 1968 (Trivandrum)

Introduced by me:

1. Mr. R. Krishnan
   T.C. 35/214 First Puthen St.
   Trivandrum - 9

Thursday 2nd May 1968 (Coimbatore)

Introduced by me:

1. Mr. T.C. Ganesan
   43 Rajaji Road
   Ramnagar
   Coimbatore - 9

Friday 3rd May 1968

Second sitting given to:

1. Mr. T.C. Ganesan

Saturday 4th May 1968 (Ooty)

Introduced:

1. Shri N.V. Vasudeva Rao
   Librarian, M/s. Hindustan Photo Films Ltd.

Introduced by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi:

1. Mrs. Vasudeva Rao
2. Mrs. Nagamani Garudan

General sittings given to:

1. Shri H.R. Garudan
2. Shri K. Govindaswamy
3. Shri T.T. Santhanam

Sunday 5th May 1968

Second sitting to:

1. Shri N.V. Vasudeva Rao

Second sitting by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi:

1. Mrs. Vasudeva Rao

General satsangh attended by:

1. Shri K. Govindaswamy
2. Shri H.R. Garudan
3. Shri T.T. Santhanam
4. Mr. N.V. Vasudeva Rao
5. Mrs. N.V. Vasudeva Rao
6. Mrs. Garudan
7. Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi

Shri K. Govindaswamy has agreed to take the responsibility of conducting satsangh in his house on Sundays. It is hoped that by Master's grace a centre will emerge in Ooty.

Wednesday 8th May 1968 (Bangalore)

Took evening satsangh at Mr. J.R. Doreswami Iyer's house by his request.

Thursday 9th May 1968

Evening took general satsangh in Mr. J.R. Doreswami Iyer's house by his request. About 20 satsanghis present.

Friday 10th May 1968 (Salem)

New Introductions:

1. Shri M.K. Mari Chetty
   Gugai - Salem
2. Shri R.K.K. Nagappa Chettiar
   Jalakantapuram Post, Salem Dist.
3. Shri V.N.O. Krishnaswami Chettiar
   Gugai - Salem
4. Shri P. Perumal Chettiar
   Elampally Post, Salem Dist.
5. Shri A.S. Veeri Chettiar
   Gugai - Salem
6. Shri S. Ramalingam
   Shevapet - Salem
7. Shri D. Sadanandam
   Shevapet - Salem

Introductions by Mrs. Sulochana Parthasarathi:

1. Mrs. Bammakka
   Elampally Post, Salem Dist.
2. Mrs. Parvathi
   Elampally Post, Salem Dist.
3. Mrs. Ponnammal
   Elampally Post, Salem Dist.
4. Mrs. Jayalakshmi
   Gugai - Salem
5. Mrs. P. Obulakshmi Ammal
   Elampally

18th June 1968

Revered Master,

I attach herewith Work Report No. 4 detailing the work done during a recent tour in South, particularly at Virudhunagar. I am happy to inform you that Shri K. Navanathan, who was introduced some months back by Dr. K.C. Varadachari, has agreed to conduct the satsangh in his house, and I am also arranging for Shri Thasma Swamy, preceptor at Madurai to visit Virudhunagar at least once a month to give individual sittings to the nine members who are now there. Virudhunagar will, therefore, operate as a separate centre under the supervision of Mr. K. Navanathan for the time being.

I hope your trip to Assam was comfortable.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: report

Work Report No. 4

Virudhunagar:

Thursday 6th June 1968

Introduced the following:

1. Shri R. Mani
   New Bharat Cycle Mart
   104, Big Chetty St.
   Chingleput
2. Mrs. N. Saroja
   Wife of Mr. K. Navanathan who is already our abhyasi

3. Mrs. N. Lokanayaki
   Wife of Mr. T.K. Narasimhan — our Madras abhyasi
4. Dr. J. Narayanaiah,
   "Brindavanam"
   Nellore (A.P.)

Friday 7th June 1968

Second sitting to Dr. J. Narayanaiah followed by a special sitting to Mr. P.K. Venkatesan.

New introductions:

1. Shri R. Balasubramanian
   Perambur P.O.
   Via Needamangalam
   Tanjore District
2. Mr. W.S. David
   Chemist
   The Indian Textile Paper Tube Co. Ltd.
   19, Perali Road
   Virudhunagar
3. Shri M. Masilamani
   K.S.M. Sons
   Chinnalapatti (Madurai District)
4. Shri G.V. Rajam
   40, Rajakkal St.
   Virudhunagar
5. Shri S. Chokkalingam
   1/49, Railway Feeder Road
   Virudhunagar
6. Shri L. Shanmugavel
   177, 3rd Mohammedan St.
   Virudhunagar

7. Shri M. Esakki
   Pandyan Nagar
   Mallan Konar Road
   Virudhunagar

Took satsangh in the evening from 6:10 to 6:55 and gave second sitting to all the new introductions together in one lot.

Saturday 8th June 1968

Madurai:

Morning — Special sitting to:

1. Shri S. Sethuratnam
2. Shri T.S. Rajaram
3. Shri Thasma Swamy
4. Shri S.S. Ramakrishnan
5. Shri K.N. Kuppuswamy
6. Shri T.R. Vasudevan

Afternoon — at 2:00 P.M. one more special sitting to:

1. Shri S. Sethuratnam

Evening — (Trichy)

Took satsangh under instructions from Shri S.K. Rajagopalan — about thirty-one members present.

New introductions:

1. Sangeetha Cidwan
   Shri Salem G. Desikan
   Andan Street
   Salem - 2
   (introduced by Shri S.K. Rajagopalan)
2. Shri K.A. Sankaran
   10, Devangan Pillayar Koil St.
   Shevapet, Salem - 2
   (introduced by me)

Sunday 9th June 1968

Second sitting given to Shri Desikan and Shri Sankaran. Attended satsangh at Trichy conducted by Shri S. Raju.

11th July 1968

Revered Master,

Efficacy of Raja Yoga is going to press, and I have to seek your clarification in respect of Diagram no. III appearing on page 29 of the 2nd edition, where the point described in the text is appearing in the figure at the point of the Agna Chakra. We feel it should be shown at the Chit Lake point. I discussed with Dr. Varadachari and he agrees with this, and has also verified that the point is shown at Chit Lake in a hand drawn sketch sent by you. We are therefore preparing a new block showing the point at the point of the Chit Lake. If it is wrong, please send me a telegram addressed to 'Rajagopalachari care PERFUMES Madras 1'.

Nine lectures by Dr. K.C.V. are being printed in one volume to be titled "The Principles and Practice of Sahaj Marg". This as per your directions conveyed through Dr. This is already in press.

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Dr. KCV said you would give an introduction. This is eagerly awaited.

Work Report No. 5

9th August 1968

Revered Master,

I give below details of new abhyasis enrolled recently.

8th July 1968

Nellore	Shri S. Krishnan of Virudhunagar

9th July 1968

Tirupati	Shri C. Kanakasabarathy of Madras

22nd July 1968

Virudhunagar:

Shri C. Kanakarajan
Shri G. Shankararajan
Shri M. Ameer Hussain
Shri S.S. Murthy
Shri M. Chelliah
Shri S. Selvaraj

23rd July 1968

Madurai	Shri S. Sudhakar Shetty

24th July 1968

Trichy	Mrs. Shiva Sanjivi Anandar Shri Raman Nair

28th July 1968

Madras	Shri S. Jagadisan

31st July 1968

Bombay	Shri R. Saptarishi

Shri A.M. Gandhi
Shri B.R. Shah of Ahmedabad
Shri R. Rangachari

Dr. Varadachari is expected here within an hour. He and my father leave for Delhi tomorrow afternoon, accompanied by Chi. Narayana and Dr. V.S.R. Murthy. I am going to Delhi later, on the 13th, and hope to come to Shahjahanpur on the 14th evening or the 15th morning.

I pray for your Divine Blessings.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

17th September 1968

Revered Master,

I attach herewith a list of new members brought into our satsangh on my recent tour. I have pleasure in informing you that a centre has been opened at Chinnalapatti, an important art silk centre about thirty-two miles north of Madurai. There are now eight members, but it will soon grow to a larger size. The centre is functioning at the house of Shri Thulasi Ram, cloth merchant, 4/224 P.R.R. Street, Chinnalapatti, Madurai Dist.

Virudhunagar centre is growing fast. Arrangements have been made for Shri Thasma Swamy to visit that centre once a week, and his first visit itself brought nine new members. I have requested Shri Thasma Swamy to visit Chinnalapatti also once a week. I hope it will be possible for you to make a short visit of a few hours to this new centre on your forthcoming Southern tour.

My *Namaskars* at your Divine feet,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Work Report

Salem:
Tuesday 13th September 1968

Shri N. Rangaswamy
75, Appu Chetty Street
Shevapet
Salem 2

Shri G.V. Krishnaraj
53, Appa Sami Pillai Street
Shevapet
Salem 2

Virudhunagar:
Friday 6th September 1968

Mrs. Pakkiyam
c/o Shri R. Krishnan

Shri Periya Karuppan
c/o I.T.P.T. Ltd.
13, Perali Road
Virudhunagar

Saturday 7th September 1968

Brother of Esakki
Shri S. Guruswami
Veerabhadra Pillai Street
No. 18, Ward II, Sami Pillai Compound
Virudhunagar

Madurai:
Saturday 7th September 1968

Shri M.R. Anantharaman
96, South Masi Street
Madurai

Chinnapalatti:
Sunday 8th September 1968

Shri A. Thulasi Ram
Mrs. Thiraviya Lakshmi
Miss Mohana Thulasiram
Cloth Merchant
4/224, PRR Street

Shri G. Sundara Mahalingam
Mrs. S. Rajamani
Pawn Broker
Royal Cinema Road
Chinnalapatti

Mrs. B. Lokambal Bommayya
c/o Shri G. Sundara Mahalingam

Mrs. Rammal Raju
c/o Shri K. Navanathan
Engineer, I.T.P.T. Ltd
Virudhunagar

Trichy:
Monday 9th September 1968

Shri K. Balam
116/1, Pillayar Koil Street
Madras 18

Shri K.V. Ganapathy
50, Kuruwe Street
Colombo 12

I hope that with the assistance of the last named Mr. Ganapathy it will be possible for us to start a centre at Ceylon at Colombo shortly. I seek Master's Divine blessings in this connection.

Parthasarathi

Robert Koch
8961 Waltenhofen-Kempten
P.F. 9

4th September 1968

Dear Master!

Only now I can tell that I am entirely in the Sahaj Marga. Till now I had little objections, with no importance, owing to the fact that the European mind is formed otherwise than the Indian mind with his special features.

The new full understanding I can only put this way: Man is not body, he is mind, *manas*, and his body is only a perception in the mind. The whole world is not then only in the world-creating mind ("God" which is Nothingness, not to be seen but the seer and creator of all seen things). There is nothing which is out of the mind and has a being out of the mind, independent of the MIND. All each God, as a perception of the mind, is the creation of the MIND. Between all high ideas and high feelings there exist the "Grace from above" as a power in us! which we find in the form of the Tschenrezig (Tibet), Kuan Yin, Maria and in the form of the Guru.

We can not find our way without clinging to the Grace from above, the power which comes full of love, from the "heaven" to us. And this helping "grace from above" is a power and a possibility of the "own mind" — on the one side; but it may be "incarnated" in a statue, for instance, of Kuan Yin or Maria — and the more than happy fact is, that it is without the slightest doubt, incarnated in you.

I don't know whether an Indian may understand why I must the ideas of the Guru "europeanize"..... but only now I am able to give my lecture at Immenstadt (near here) in the next months, pointing to Sahaj Marga and in finding, I don't doubt, full understanding. It would be impossible to point to a great guru, the great guru as an outer fact, far off from us.....

Another question I must write of: we have still the utmost difficulties in even earning the most needed money to have our living. We must work more than we have power. Therefore: please excuse my writing of only short and hurried letters, I hope it shall be better in some months, but I hope so since months and months and years!

Dear Master, I have you, the great Guru the Grace from above, in my own mind!

Yours
Robert Koch

Shri Ram Chandra Mission
(Madras Centre)

39, Ist Main Road
Raja Annamalaipuram
Madras - 28

20th September 1968

Robert Koch Esq.
8961 Waltenhofen-Kempten
Germany

Dear brother,

I have received a copy of your letter of the 4th addressed to Master, and I think I have also received an earlier letter which perhaps I have not acknowledged. Your experience as set out in your letter is a remarkable one, because Master has always said that God is nothingness or a state of nothingness which is expected to be experienced at the highest levels a seeker has approached to, to which Master alone can lead him. In fact, several people in our Mission in India can testify to this experience and it is a matter of our Master's divine and benevolent grace that this experience has been made possible in your spiritual life too. You, perhaps, know the story of the *Bha-*

gavad Gita where Arjuna, a human being, is the closest and the most beloved friend of Sri Krishna, the Divine Avatar or manifestation. The story unfolds and we find at the end Sri Krishna granting Arjuna a vision of HIS divine manifestation in the form of the all-pervasive itself and there Arjuna recognises that his friend, playmate and the charioteer was indeed the Divine himself.

One of our very senior preceptors very often says that even though our guide may be human in the beginning, if we have selected the right person, or, perhaps, to put it in another way, if we have been fortunate in finding the right person to guide us, our spiritual life must unfold to that state where the human guide becomes transformed into the Divine himself.

I am pained to note that your material circumstances show no improvement even with your shifting to the south of Germany. We pray that your circumstances may improve in the near future.

I note that you have given some lectures at Immenstadt. I request you to send me a verbatim text of the lecture if it is available for the benefit of all of us here.

I hope Mrs. RK is well, and I would like to hear from her her experiences also. Perhaps she has no time, as she is accompanying you on your tours.

With Best Wishes to you both and with our prayer for your fast progress,

Yours
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master

Shri Ram Chandra Mission
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20th September 1968

A. Poray, Esq.
L'Hippocampe
Port-Issol, Sanary (Var)
France

My dear brother,

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 28th August. I have also received a letter from Mr. Antoine Chauvel indicating that the translation is completed and will be typed very soon. I have written to him yesterday as per copy enclosed and on receiving his advice I shall remit the money. There is no need to receive further remittance from you, since the amount given by you was earmarked for this purpose but taken into account as a donation for administrative reasons. So, please forget that aspect of the matter.

Our beloved Master will be setting out on his southern tour by the 15th of November or so and will be in Madras, I understand, from the 31st December to the 6th January. I do hope you will make it convenient to come to India again this year. Please try your best.

We are awaiting with interest the news of your talks in Marseilles, and, if possible, please let me have the text of the talks from tape recordings for inclusion in our journals, etc. We would be very much interested in reading what you have spoken and all our members will be very greatly benefited, I am sure, by the interpretation of the Sahaj Marg by a Western mind to the Western audience. I, therefore, request you to give this suggestion your serious consideration and send me the texts of your talks without fail.

I am glad to hear that Swami Ritajananda will be in India and I look forward to the pleasure of meeting him again if he contacts me.

With Best Wishes,

Yours
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master

14th October 1968

Revered Master,

This is to inform you that Shri P. Rama Raju, at whose house our Salem centre is being conducted and where you stayed on your last visit, is going to Jabalpur to see his daughter and son-in-law. He wishes to have your darshan with his whole family at Shahjahanpur sometime after the 22nd of this month. According to the present programme, he will arrive on the 24th Thursday via Allahabad and Lucknow by the Amritsar Mail and after staying two days, i.e., 25th and 26th, will leave on the 27th morning for Banaras by the Amritsar-Howrah Mail. His party will comprise roughly four adults and three children. Mr. Rama Raju will confirm to you direct from Jabalpur the definite arrival date and time. I shall be obliged if a letter is sent to him to his Jabalpur address confirming that you will be available at Shahjahanpur around the programme dates given above. His address will be:

Shri P. Rama Raju
C/o Shri M.C.M. Chetty
Near Sohan Singh Diary Farm

Ranghi Basti
Jabalpur (M.P.)
With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

16th October 1968

Revered Master,

The book *Efficacy of Raja Yoga* Third Edition has been printed and I send to you herewith one copy for your personal use with our pranams. I hope the production is satisfactory.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

22nd October 1968

A. Poray, Esq.
L'Hippocampe
Port-Issol
83, Sanary (Var)
France

Dear brother,

Delighted to receive your letter of the 17th and immensely pleased to note that you are visiting India again. We shall count the days to your arrival. It is possible to stay in Tirupati where there is a reasonably comfortable hotel called Bhimas, though the accommodation will be nothing comparable to what you have in Madras. However, it is not as primitive as it can be and it should certainly be possible for you to spend a couple of days comfortably or at least not too uncomfortably in that place.

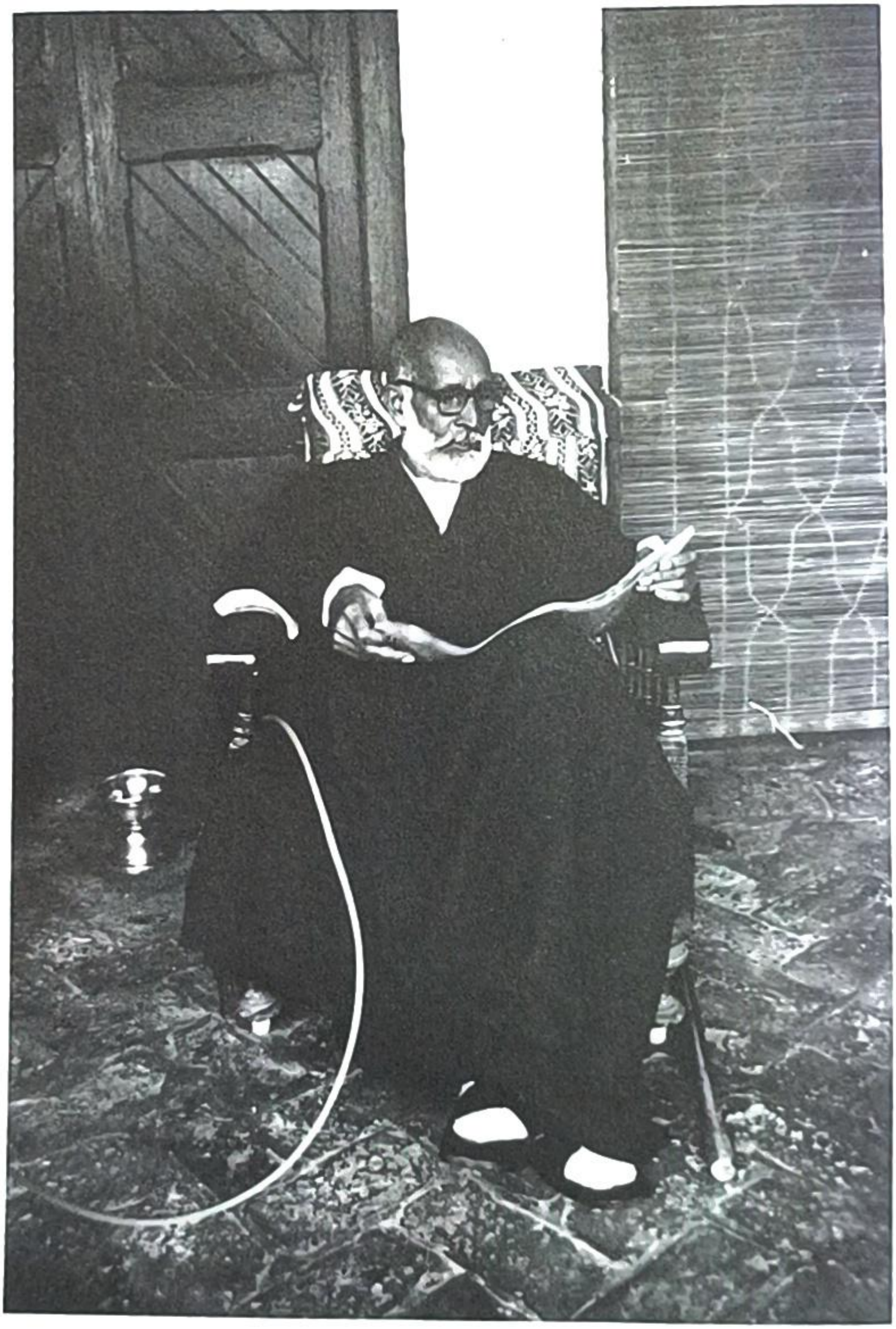
You can go to Tirupati by bus in approximately three and a half hours from Madras by, I think, one of seven or eight services every day. According to the final programme, Master arrives in Tirupati on Wednesday the 11th December 1968 at about 3 P.M. in the afternoon and will leave for Bangalore on Saturday 14th December 1968 early in the morning.

He will be in Madras from 6:25 A.M. of Friday the 27th December 1968 to 1:00 P.M. on Thursday the 2nd January 1969.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon,

Yours
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, Shahjahanpur



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8th August 1969

Revered Master,

I am happy to inform you that when Bahu showed the photographs to Chi. Umesh he has selected and approved the photograph of Chi. Rajeswari, M.A. He is now leaving the matter in your hands for finalisation. I am sending the photograph through my father, who will be arriving there on the 13th morning.

With pranams,

Yours,
Parthasarathi

5th September 1969

Revered Master,

During my recent visit to Shahjahanpur, I had taken the liberty of making some suggestions which you wanted me to put down on paper so that they may not be forgotten. Acting on your instructions, I am, therefore, reproducing hereunder the suggestions we discussed:

1. All centres are now authorised to collect donations and issue official receipts from the Mission. It is suggested that at the end of each accounting period every centre should be required to transfer the collections made during the year, retaining such amount as they need for current expenses.

2. The funds so transferred from the centres to the headquarters' account would constitute the total available for expenditure by the Mission.

3. It is recommended that the policy in respect of expenditure should be laid down by the headquarters including specification of where buildings should be constructed, etc. This would ensure that the funds of the Mission are spent where they are most needed and not, as now, where they are available. For instance, it may be necessary for the Mission to have a building at Bombay, whereas at Bombay there is no centre and, therefore, no collections. It should be possible for the Mission to spend money in Bombay from its Central Pool. This would have the additional advantage that the centre will become active in these matters instead of leaving it to the centres and also it will create in the centres a sense of participation in the sum total of the Mission's activities.

With pranams,

Yours,
Parthasarathi

29th October 1969

Revered Master,

I have received your letter from Sitapur, and, as desired by you, I am sending herewith two copies of a photograph of Chi. Umesh taken a few days ago. I hope your trip was not very strenuous and that your health is better.

With pranams,

Yours,
Parthasarathi

10th November 1969

Revered Master,

Since Mr. Poray will be leaving Shahjahanpur latest by 9th or 10th December, or even earlier according to your instructions, and since *Basant Panchami* only falls during the first week of February, we would all be very happy if you could plan a trip to Madras to spend one month from the 15th December 1969 to the 15th January 1970 with us. This will have the advantage that Mr. Poray is expected to be in Madras from 31st December 1969 for a week's stay.

I am putting up this proposal mainly to escape the rigorous U.P. winter, and, if you agree, I shall arrange for air travel from Delhi to Madras and back. We all hope that the Master will favour this proposal and await your confirmation.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Kumari Kasturi Chaturvedi, Modinagar

10th November 1969

Revered Master,

Enclosed please find a copy of my letter addressed to Mr. Poray today. If the plan set out therein is acceptable to Mr. Poray, we will arrive together at Shahjahanpur latest by 6 P.M. on Thursday the 27th. I am planning to stay at Shahjahanpur with you for three and a half days only, because I have to attend to another foreign visitor at Delhi on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Please let me have your approval.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: 1

10th November 1969

Mr. Andre Poray
Sanary (France)

Dear brother,

I have just learnt with very great pleasure that you will arrive in New Delhi at 9:10 A.M. on Thursday the 27th of this month preparatory to proceeding to Shahjahanpur. My father has asked me to arrange for a train reservation for you leaving Delhi on the 27th night, but I propose as follows:

1. I shall arrive in Delhi in time to meet you at the airport on the 27th.

2. Immediately afterwards, we shall leave by car for Shahjahanpur (total 200 miles or 320 km, which can be done in five hours with a halt for lunch on the way) and we should be able to reach Shahjahanpur comfortably by the evening before sunset.

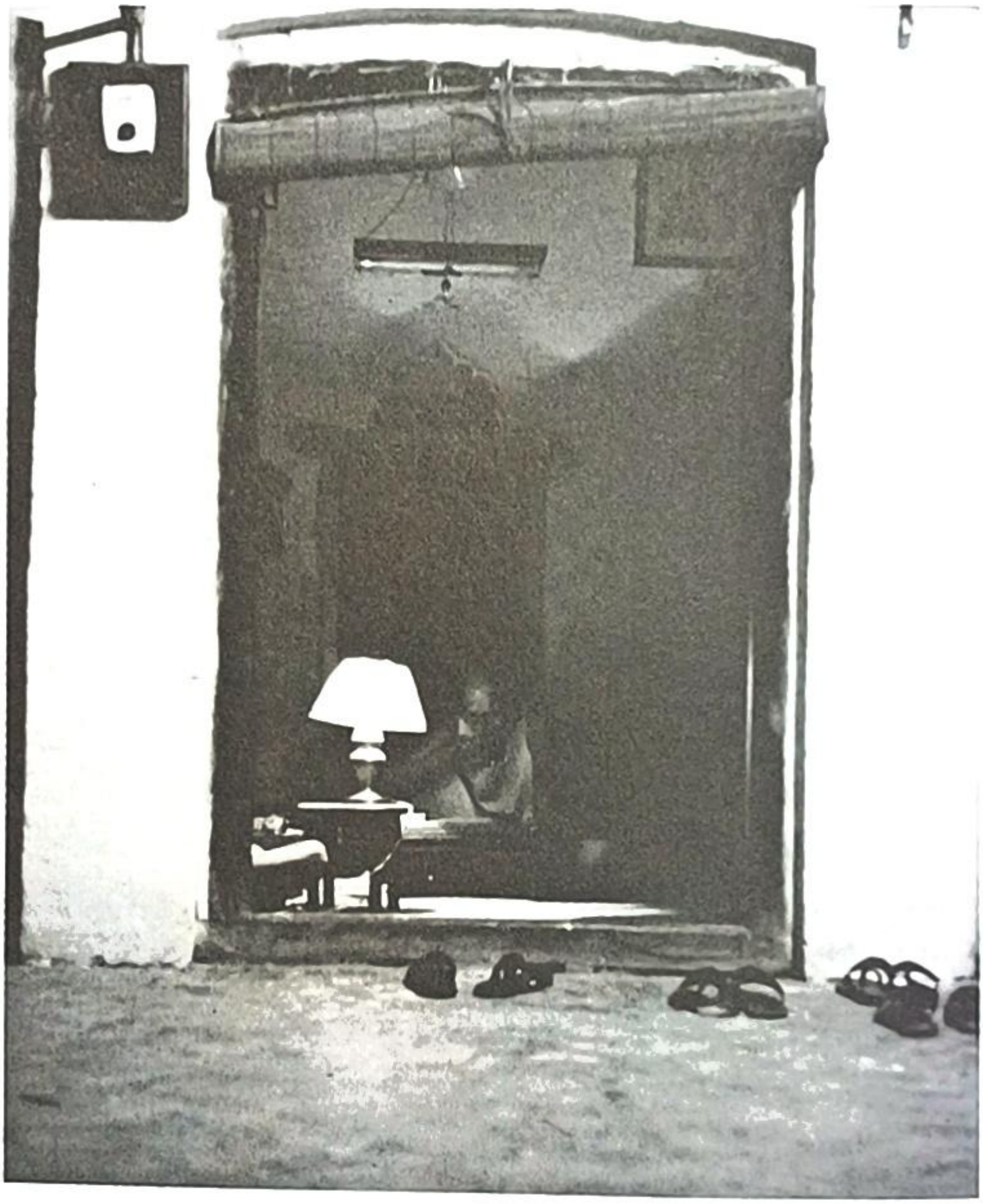
3. I shall stay with you in Shahjahanpur till the afternoon of Monday the 1st December, when I have to return to Delhi to meet an overseas visitor on the 2nd morning.

4. Your own arrangements from Shahjahanpur to Srinagar will have to be made independent of my arrangements.

Assuming that you will agree with the above, I am planning my own trip. I also await your letter confirming the date of your arrival in due course. My father appears to have had a very fruitful and enjoyable stay with you and your family at Sanary. We must all be very grateful to our Master who makes such co-operation and brotherliness at the highest level of human existence possible. Please convey our best wishes to Mrs. Poray.

Yours
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj



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2nd February 1970

Revered Master,

I have just received a letter from Mr. Robert Koch (29th January 1970) indicating that he will arrive in Madras in March on the 14th for four days stay. He will leave Madras presumably on the 18th of March for about ten days stay with you at Shahjahanpur prior to leaving for Dharamsala, where, he says he has to meet Shri Dalai Lama on the 29th March. Thereafter he will proceed to Srinagar and Kashmir for two days on a business visit before returning to Germany. Mr. Koch has informed me that he is coming alone, since his wife is not well enough to stand the present trip and also the financial difficulties. He, however, hopes that his wife will come to India later this year when both the above circumstances have improved. Mr. Robert, in a concluding paragraph of his letter, emphasises that his visit to Shri Dalai Lama has nothing to do with any work on his behalf in Buddhism except to find some additional matter for changing the Western mind.

I shall be arriving on the 8th with Dr. K.C. Varadachari and possibly my father too.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

21st February 1970

Revered Master,

Our bankers require a special resolution under your signature along with the signature of the Secretary of the Mission to cover investments made in Fixed Deposit with The Canara Banking Corporation Ltd. I am attaching a draft and we will be grateful if you will kindly send us six copies all signed by both yourself and the Secretary as early as possible. The resolution copies should be on the Mission letterhead but should **not** be addressed to any particular person or organisation. On top it should be stated "Resolution passed by the Executive Committee on......."

In accordance with your personal decision communicated to Shri R. Vira Raghavan during your last visit to Madras, we are proceeding to invest some funds with the T.T. Investments & Trades (P) Ltd. This may be also kindly approved in writing.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

10th March 1970

Revered Master,

I have today received a letter from Mr. Robert Koch, dated 5th March, 1970 — a copy of which he says he has sent to you also — by which he informs that he will arrive in Madras on the 14th from Colombo. I am arranging for him to leave Madras on the 17th by G.T. Express and to leave Delhi on the 19th evening by Lucknow Mail arriving Shahjahanpur early morning on the 20th (Friday).

I have sent to you an Express Telegram reading as under this morning at 7:30 A.M.:

ROBERT KOCH WILL ARRIVE FRIDAY 20TH MORNING LUCKNOW MAIL

For the reason already indicated, namely the visit of one of our British Principals on the 18th, I am very sorry that I am not able to accompany Mr. Robert Koch to Shahjahanpur. Mr. Koch has indicated that he would like to leave on the 23rd afternoon for Dharamsala. His programme from Shahjahanpur will be as Master wishes.

I am endorsing a copy of this letter to Shri M.S. Sundara to request him to take care of Mr. Koch for the day on the 19th and put him in the train. A copy also goes to Mr. Ramaswamy for necessary action.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Mr. M.S. Sundra
Mr. S. Ramaswamy

28th March 1970

Revered Master,

The Working Committee during its meeting on Basant Panchami day, 10th February 1970, had taken a decision to approach you for your gracious permission to celebrate the 30th of April each year as the Master's Birthday. The Committee has instructed me to seek your formal approval to this suggestion and I look forward to the same.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

cc. Shri J.R.K. Raizada,
Joint Secretary.

3rd July 1970

Shri S.A. Sarnad
Gulbarga

My dear brother,

I am grateful to you for your letter of the 30th June as it gives me an opportunity to explain why certain policies have been framed in carrying out the work of the Mission. It is painful to hear that there is an opinion being formed that the poor have no place in the Mission. How wrong and unjustified such a comment is, you must already be surely aware of and in any case the attached statement should go a long way in explaining the position to such of those who do not understand this.

Broadly, the Mission has two functions, the main one being the spiritual function of transformation of man for which the Mission has never asked nor will it ever ask for money. You have been with the Master far longer than I have been and also what is more important, much closer to Him too, and you are surely aware with what repugnance Master considers monetary issues. It is therefore a matter for considerable pain that an explanation should be necessary in this matter, but nevertheless, since abhyasis are sure to ask questions, it is but fair on our part that we should be able to explain the situation to them.

As you know, there is no membership fee charged by the Mission. I must also clarify that as far as the official magazine is concerned, Master has several times remarked that abhyasis, while they can certainly grow spiritually without intellectual understanding or knowledge, must still make an effort to understand what they are doing and achieving and therefore, the minimum they should read is the Mission's official publication. I have heard this from Master several times and it is with a view to fulfil his wish that it was decided to make every member a subscriber. Here it is essential that the words "every member" be interpreted correctly by those in charge of the Mission's work since obviously neither the Master nor anybody else connected with the Mission's work would intend this to apply to either people who cannot read or write or to people who cannot afford the magazine. It is a well-known maxim that rules have to be interpreted according to the spirit of the law and not according to the letter. Therefore individuals who are doing the work of the Mission must use their discretion in this matter as in all other matters.

As far as the life subscription is concerned, we have seen over the last two years that Master has been very worried and perturbed at the continued losses that the Sahaj Marg Press has been incurring, mainly because the magazine has been sold at a loss. Up to the year 1969 the total printing was of the order of 750 copies and I know for a fact that the maximum subscription realised scarcely ever exceeded 600 copies. In 1970 the printing has come up to 1750 copies, but even now we do not realise the full value of every copy printed and as you will see from the attached statement, the amount realised over the last fourteen years of the magazine's printing is Rs. 28,880/- approximately and an average just about Rs. 2,000/- per year. In 1968 or 1969, the magazine was converted into a bimonthly and it is a matter of simple arithmetic that when the number of issues was raised from four to six, every cost connected with its publication and distribution went up by fifty percent. In 1970, a decision was reluctantly taken to enhance the subscription rate by just one rupee. You are no doubt aware that today to send one *Patrika* by post costs 30 paise and the cost of paper in the last eighteen months has jumped approximately two hundred percent. It is therefore a matter of extreme strain that the Mission is able to bring out this publication at all. Any measure to strengthen the press was therefore felt to be an urgent need and instead of raising the subscription rate which would only impose a further burden on subscribers, it was decided to offer a limited number of life subscriptions at Rs. 250/- so that by enrolling 100 subscribers, all of whom would be voluntary subscribers, a sum of Rs. 25,000/- could be collected and invested to yield Rs. 250/- per month by way of interest.

You would have noted also that from last year we have been accepting advertisements, but this was limited to approximately Rs. 6,000/- per annum so as to yield Rs. 500/- per month. Thus by these two measures it is expected to raise Rs. 750/- per month which will maintain the press without the press having to look outside for work. This means that the press is released solely for Mission work without economic consideration hindering its functioning.

As regards the discount on prices for life subscribers, there is no limit on the number of copies which they can buy. The discount is applicable on all purchases.

Coming back to the question of paying money to the Mission, from the attached statement you will find the following:

1. The Mission magazine has so far yielded Rs. 28,000/-.

2. Similarly assuming that all the publications listed have been sold in their entirety, a total of Rs. 96,125/-would have been realised on English publications.

3. We can assume on vernacular publications a further maximum of Rs. 10,000/-.

The total sale value of Mission publications in the last fifteen years of the Mission's functioning is therefore Rs. 1,35,000/- or roughly Rs. 9,000/- per annum. Assuming further that up to 1967 the membership was below two thousand and thereafter it stands as on date at approximately five thousand and assuming over the last fifteen years an average membership of two thousand, the burden per head works out to Rs. 4.50. Allowing for all miscalculations and errors, etc. it is impossible to see how anybody can claim that the Mission has now become a 'Commercial' one or a 'Rich Man's' one, this complaint being increasingly heard nowadays.

If we look at it in yet another way, a member who has been in the Mission for the last fifteen years would have contributed to the Mission Rs. 53/- towards the magazine if he had been a subscriber plus Rs. 61/- for all the English publications, taking the price at the highest level so far or in other words a total of Rs. 114/-. This again is only an average of Rs. 8/- per year.

I do not know what the centres are doing in respect of collections towards donations for the 'Building Fund', etc. All these, it must be emphasised, are voluntary and in no case can anybody level a charge that there is commercialisation in the Mission or that only the rich have a place in it. I may add here that on date there lies at various centres of the Mission stocks of books worth over Rs. 50,000/-. Therefore the actual value realised is only about Rs. 50,000/- in all these years. I do hope, dear brother, that all the above explanations will convince you because unless you and other members working for the Mission are convinced there is very little hope that we can convince abhyasis and newcomers.

Perhaps there can be one reason only for a little pressure being felt and that is in the last two years the tempo on publications has been speeded up so that there is apparently greater demand on the abhyasis. Yet this too if looked at in the proper perspective would be seen to be wrong since all the English publications put together cost less than Rs. 75/- up to date.

Coming to the second aspect of the Mission's function, this is the need for expanding activities and Master has told me, not once but several times, that in the South alone he wants one hundred centres and this coupled with the overseas expansion and taking into consideration the increasing numbers in each centre, all makes it very obvious that the Mission will necessarily have to build or acquire halls at each of the centres where the members can meet for meditation. I do not know how these aims can be fulfilled without some monetary sacrifice by every member of the Mission. The word sacrifice here is important because if one associates himself with the Mission and realises the immense and extraordinary spiritual benefits that accrue to him, no sacrifice can be too great; and further, if one develops love for the Master, then even the idea of sacrifice fades away because after all what is ours is His and there is no question of giving or taking.

Perhaps I should add here in this connection that as far as my experience with the Madras centre of the Mission goes, they have collected donations totally nearly Rs. 50,000/- in the past four years as follows:

Year	Abhyasis	Others	Total
1966	2,616.51	5,176.00	7,792.51
1967	2,531.00	9,028.00	11,559.00
1968	3,796.40	5,280.21	9,076.61
1969	2,668.00	18,052.00	20,720.00
	11,611.91	37,536.21	49,148.12

You will find that of the total collections of nearly Rs. 50,000/- only twenty-three percent comes from Mission members and I would like also to inform you that it represents collections from all over India and not just at the Madras centre. Similarly as far as books are concerned, approximately sixty percent of the publications are sold outside the Mission and if this is taken into consideration, the total sales value realised from sales of books from members of the Mission coupled with magazine sales would hardly be Rs. 63,000/- in the last fifteen years, the conclusions to be drawn are self-evident.

I close this letter with a prayer to the Master that such obvious misunderstandings may be removed from all the abhyasis and primarily from those who are vested with the work of the Mission, and may I, Dear Brother, trouble you to explain this to all concerned whenever such questions arise? Since this is a vital matter, I am copying this letter to other senior preceptors of this Mission also.

Affectionately yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, Shahjahanpur
Dr. K.C. Varadachari
The Joint Secretary, Shahjahanpur

Total Realised value by magazine and book sales

A. Magazine

9 years	1957 - 1965	@ Rs. 3/- per annum	400	10,800
4 years	1966 - 1969	@ Rs. 5/- per annum	600	12,000
1 years	1970	@ Rs. 6/- per annum	1000	6,000

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In 14 years	..	Rs. 28, 800/-
Average per annum	..	Rs. 2,060/-

B. Books

Reality at Dawn

1st ed.	1954	1,000 copies @ 1.50	1,500
2nd ed.	1963	1,000 copies @ 2.50	2,500
3rd ed.	1968	2,000 copies @ 4.00	8,000

			12,000

Efficacy of Raja Yoga

1st ed.	1950	1,000 copies @ 1.50	1,500
2nd ed.	1960	1,000 copies @ 2.50	2,500
3rd ed.	1968	1,500 copies @ 5.00	7,500

			11,500

Towards Infinity

1st ed.	1963	1,000 copies @ 1.50	1,500
2nd ed.	1970	1,000 copies @ 3.00	3,000

			4,500

Commentary on Ten Maxims

1st ed.	1963	1,000 copies @ 1.50	1,500
2nd ed.	1970	1,000 copies @ 3.00	3,000

			4,500

Philosophy of Sahaj Marg

1st ed.	1969	1,000 copies @ 5.00	5,000

Peep into Sahaj Marg

1st ed.		1,000 copies @ 2.00	2,000
2nd ed.		1,000 copies @ 5.00	5,000

			7,000

Philosophy of Sahaj Marg

1st ed.		1,000 copies @ 1.50	1,500

New Darsana

1st ed.	1966	750 copies @ 7.00	5,250
		250 copies @ 12.50	3,125

			8,375

Lectures on Sahaj Marg			
1st ed.	1968	1,500 copies @ 10.00	15,000

Voice Real			
1st ed.	1970	2,000 copies @ 12.00	24,000

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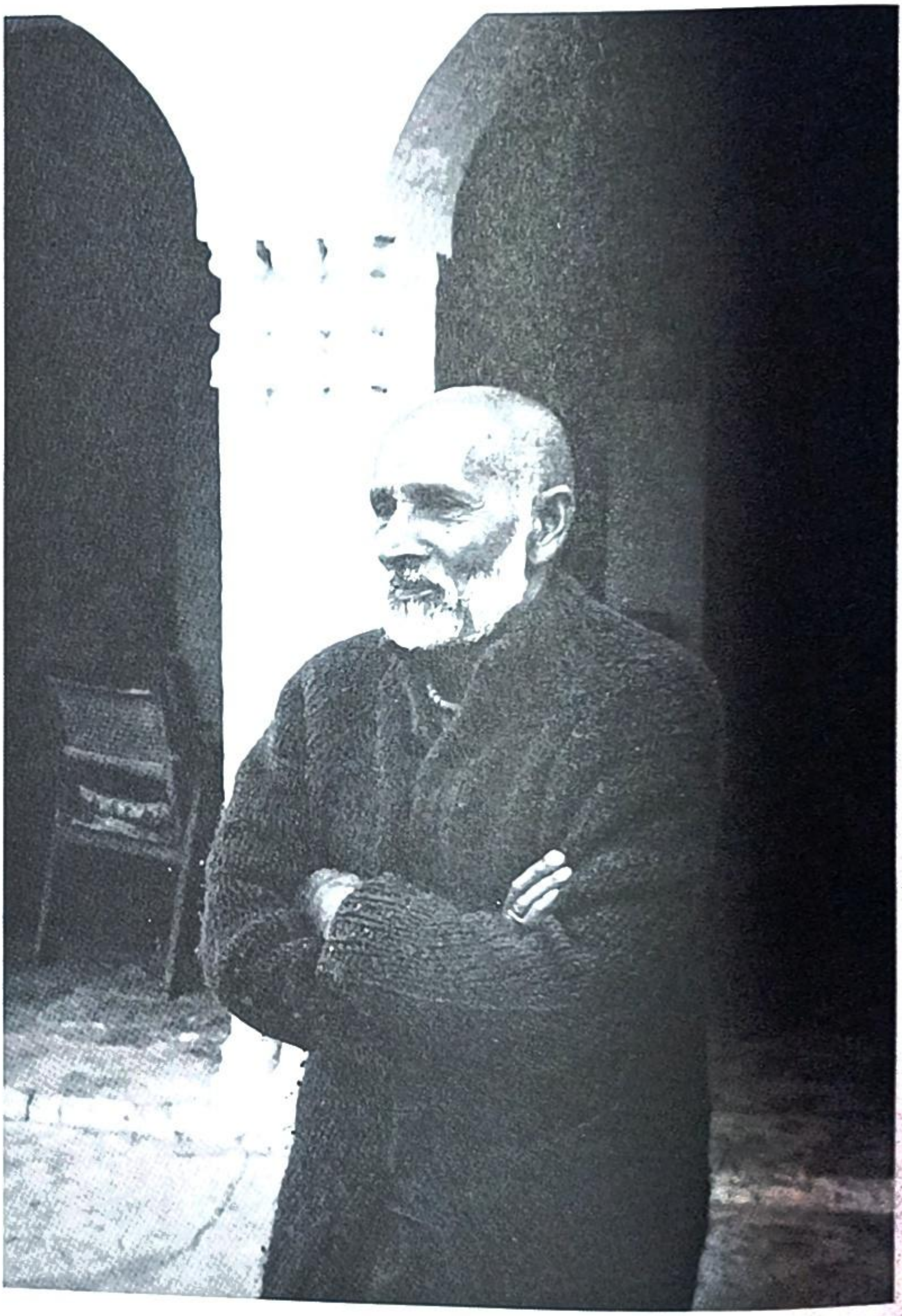

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25th June 1971

Shri C. Narayana Reddi
64 Iswaran Koil Street
Pondicherry - 1

Dear Shri Narayana Reddi,

Your letter to the Master, Shri Ram Chandraji of Shahjahanpur, dated 11th May, which I am replying to under his instructions. If you wish to know who represents the highest Godhead-figure, the method is to meditate, praying for revelation. Better still, you may consult Mother in this matter.

While all great souls and missions work for the same ultimate end, the level of approach of each is different, and if you want the highest approach, you may pray that you may be guided to the right guru who can give you this approach.

With best wishes,

Yours
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
- with a true copy of Shri Narayana Reddi's reply.

No. C-352/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
2nd July 1971

Dear Brother,

I am directed to say that your draft for the Library is approved by Rev. Master, and you may now issue it. When you send that letter to Tirupati you should address it to Dr. G. Kuppuswamy because he is in charge of the centre there, and Rev. Master has also told Mr. K.C. Narayana that the correspondence relating to Tirupati Branch will be issued to Dr. Kuppuswamy as a rule and he liked that idea.

With Master's blessings,

Yours,
In the service of Master,
K.M. Saksena

Madras
10th August 1971

Beloved Master,

I had sent you a telegram on the 8th to say that I would be leaving for Europe on Monday the 9th. This had been planned and ticket purchased, but yesterday another death in the family again interfered with the proposed departure and my plans are totally uncertain once again. What happened is this. My brother Raman was performing the tenth day ceremonies in connection with the demise of his father-in-law and we had all assembled at a special place like a *dharamshala* for this. When this was completed, at about 10 A.M. I came back to his house for a bath, and was about to leave for our home when my father's cousin brother, and old gentleman of seventy-three years, accompanied by his daughter-in-law, came in a taxi to my brother's house. He arrived dead! He had come by train and walked to my brother's place earlier to attend the tenth day ceremonies. He had then found all of us had gone to the dharamshala, so he took a taxi, and with his daughter-in-law and another person set out for that place. But they were not able to find the place. As they were coming back towards my brother's house, he collapsed in the taxi itself. Then we had to take the body to their house and it was 10 P.M. before the last rites were performed and we could come home. So this unavoidably interfered with my departure. My father has been in Madurai for the last one week and is due to be back here tomorrow. In his absence it became a family duty for me to attend to these matters — even though my father felt that I could continue with my plan.

This person's father and my paternal grandfather were brothers. He was a prominent advocate and a very well-known and popular gentleman. He was not connected with our Mission. I have already written to you about the death of my cousin at Calcutta. He died of a heart attack on a Saturday. We have a superstition in this part of the country that a Saturday death will not occur alone, and will be followed by another. Events seem to give some substance to this belief! I will be grateful to have your views on this repeated interference with my plans for foreign travel. Now I will await the return of my boss, who is due on the 21st, and after discussions with him he will decide whether I will go abroad at all or not. I seek your explanation of these events which have been, in a sense, quite dramatic. You will remember that my aunt, mother of my cousin who died in Calcutta, passed away in our house on the day we were celebrating my father's 61st birthday. Now my father's cousin dies virtually at my brother's door, and that too on the day when the tenth day ceremonies are being completed! I await your letter clarifying these phenomena eagerly.

Chi. Umesh and Bahu must have arrived. We hope the baby is well.

Our pranams.

With Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
16th August 1971

Beloved Master,

I am sure you would have received my two previous letters. I am eagerly awaiting a reply. In the meantime we are all very perturbed to hear on the radio that Shahjahanpur has also been affected by the floods in U.P. If it is mentioned on the radio it must be quite serious. We all pray that there has been no damage to our premises or to you in any way.

Father had been to Madurai for over a week in connection with a stamp exhibition and returned a few days back. He is well and is busy preparing for his foreign tour. I think his tour is going on expanding with every letter he receives from abroad, and by the time he actually leaves the country, at this rate, his trip may well be one which may take six months or more to complete. I sincerely feel that there must be some plan and objectives stipulated if he is not to overstrain himself beyond all bounds of his personal physical capacity. Unless you can be firm in this matter, he cannot be guided or restrained from extravagant expenditure of time and energy. I therefore request you to see that his trip does not exceed three months. I am being blamed by all the other members of our family for not controlling him. They are all of the opinion that he should never have been permitted to undertake such a strenuous and long trip particularly to overseas countries at least for another year. Of course, all are anxious that in his old age and reduced health nothing should be done which may lead to reduced physical welfare. I naturally share all this anxiety. I therefore request you to see that his trip is limited to three months. He has been saying that he will not be back for five months. To others he has said that it is indefinite. Also sometimes I hear him talking of going to Japan, and at other time of going to Africa, and so on. In fact there is no end to what appears to me an overwhelming anxiety to cover the whole world! But please do not refer to this letter or to my views directly when writing to him. What you say must be in the form of **instructions**, otherwise he will disregard it, saying that it is only your affection which is giving rise to anxiety.

Regarding my own trip, my boss has telephoned from Switzerland to his brother to say that I should await his return to India on the 21st August, and after discussions with him I should be prepared to leave by the 23rd or so. So that trip is still alive! Anyway it will be decided in a week or so. I shall send you a telegram when something is decided.

I feel that I am stagnating spiritually. This feeling has been there for nearly a month now, and is becoming stronger day by day. I also find disinclination to meditate. I do it regularly but only for about twenty minutes. But there is no disturbance in the mind or anything of that sort. The mind is generally calm and peaceful, though I find that nowadays I seem to lose my temper more easily and more often, and also for comparatively small things. The problem regarding sex remains, though it had been reduced for many months. I am trying to bring it under control as best as I can.

Sow. Sulochana and Chi. Krishna are both well. They send you their love and pranams.

My uncle from Baghdad is due here in two days time on short leave. The main purpose of his stay is to meet father and try to influence him regarding his foreign tour. He is very worried, but I am sure he will feel better after he has seen my father, and seen that there is nothing to really worry about. Yet I feel that a definite plan fixing a specific period is necessary, as otherwise my father is perfectly capable of going from place to place because somebody writes asking him to come. Please do not take amiss my anxiety in this matter. I only write out of anxiety, but your judgement and will alone must prevail. Our wishes here too are certain to be impediments, as in every other matter. Please forgive me if I have written wrongly.

We are all hungry for your darshan.

With Love and affection,
Parthasarathi

3rd November 1971

Madame Dina Joannides
Casino Sansouci
Midan el Giza
Giza
Cairo (UAR)

Dear Madame Dina,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 22nd October. I am very happy to see the contents which reflect our Master's greatness and the efficacy of the system of meditation. I have already told you that in our system of meditation, realisation is the only aim, and physical and other material benefits are purely incidental and not the purpose of meditation. I however pray that benefits as you have received even in this level will remain permanent and give you help in your life.

I hope your friend Mrs. Nemat has started this meditation. As a preceptor, you should never feel reluctant or embarrassed in persuading people to try our method. After all, we are only asking them to try it, and the continuing thereafter will depend on the experiences they have, and the benefits that they receive. Please do not have any reservations in this respect and undertake your work with the fullest confidence and faith in our Revered Master.

Our compliments to your husband and to all our other friends in Cairo. I expect Henri has already left for Australia.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj, Shahjahanpur.

10th December 1971

Mr. Rakotondrainibe Alexandre
13 rue Sergent Dewost
B.P. 835
Tananarive (Madagascar)

Dear brother,

I am grateful to you for sending on the letters received for me at your address through courtesy of Shri Ravi Varma. I was very keen on receiving these letters particularly since there was one letter from Master in that batch.

Master has sent to me your letter of the 4th addressed to Him to be replied from here. Dealing with the points you have raised, we would like to clarify as follows:-

1. Karma: When Master takes charge of anybody the person has no longer to worry about his karma. You know we have a process of meditation in the evening where we are required to clean ourselves psychically of the day's accumulation of sam-

skaras. This is supposed to take care of the daily accumulation, while the Master or His preceptors are expected to remove the past accumulated samskaras by periodical cleaning. In one sense there is no end to karma because as you go on cleaning, samskaras are coming up more and more, and cleaning is more or less a continuous process as long as the abhyasi is in the heart region known as *pind pradesh*. Thereafter the grossness is of a very subtle nature and does not give so much trouble. So all the problems lie only with the heart region. You will therefore know that as long as Master is doing the work it is not the business of the abhyasi at all to worry about his karma, but only to continue the process of meditation with total faith in its efficacy.

2. Regarding your fitness for preceptorship, the same question was raised by me when Master gave me permission to do the work. Master then explained how this question does not at all arise, because when a preceptor transmits it is the transmission which works and the transmission, being the Master's yogic power cannot be limited by the person handling this power. It is therefore unimportant to consider our own fitness. Anybody who has been entrusted with this power can use it so long as he is **willing** to use it. In another sense this also means that when a preceptor works, he must work with the sense that it is really the Master who works, and the preceptor is only the medium through which the transmission is effected. I am therefore sure you will have no difficulty in taking up this work.

3. Master explained very clearly how a preceptor, even of a very low order of spiritual attainment, can raise an abhyasi who is at a much higher level precisely because the preceptor's own attainment has nothing to do with the work that he is doing. Therefore the preceptor has two roles to play:-

a) His work as a trainer, and the other

b) As abhyasi where he is required to continue his own practice of meditation for his personal evolution.

I am sure the points are now very clear to you, and as instructed by Master, your preparation is now completed, and you may take up the spiritual work of training people under the system of Sahaj Marg on receipt of this letter. On behalf of the Master, provisional permission is hereby given to you to train people in spirituality under Sahaj Marg system. The certificate will be sent to you by Master Himself in due course. I attach herewith a set of instructions for your kind guidance in your work. May Master bless you in all ways.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Shahjahanpur. (U.P.)

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No. C-465/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
3rd March 1972

Dr. Rajendra Pal Singh
3501 Toledo Terrace
Apt. B1
Hyattsville, MD, 20783 USA

My dear Rajendra Pal Singh,

I presume that you have received my letter telling you that we have purchased the air tickets for both ways journey.

Our Secretary, Mr. P. Rajagopalachari of Madras, had written to you to draft further programme from New York, but he has not so far received your reply. Please send it immediately, because we do not know yet where we have to move on, and so the programme is incomplete.

Mrs. Caroline (address noted below) has been here for a week and she has invited me to her place — Stonington, and she will come at the airport in New York to receive us, and we will have to go there. I have to go to Ohio also and stay with Mrs. Grace Kimball. I have also written to Mr. S. Chiranjeevi to visit his place — Corsicana in Texas.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Address:-

Mrs. Caroline S. Miller, 37 Broad Street, Stonington (Connecticut) 06378 USA. Her place is between New York City and Boston Mass.

Mrs. Grace Kimball, 18102 Clifton Road, Lakewood, Ohio, 44107 USA.

cc. for information to Mr. P. Rajagopalachari, Secretary S.R.C.M., 11/E North Street, Shri Ram Nagar, Madras - 1.

P. Rajagopalachari
Madras
29th March 1972

Mr. R. Koch
7801 Zarten bei Freiburg i.Br.
Flaunerstrasse 5
West Germany

Dear brother,

I have just received your cable reading as under:-

"JUNE MORE SUITABLE GIVE EXACT DATES FOR POSSIBLY FIVE DAYS OR LONGER LETTER FOLLOWS = KOCH"

Consequently, without waiting for your letter the programme has been revised as follows:-

Arrival	Munich Tuesday 20th June 1972 direct from Copenhagen
Departure	Munich Monday 26th June 1972 for Paris

There are therefore five clear days in between, as desired by you. I trust this will be sufficient.

With best wishes to Mrs. Koch and you,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

5th April 1972

Mrs. Caroline Miller
37 Broad Street
Stonington
Connecticut 06378
U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Miller,

I have just heard from our Revered Master that he and I will be your guests from our arrival at New York, and that you will drive us to your home immediately on arrival. Just to be on the safe side I am attaching one more copy of our programme from which you will note that we are scheduled to arrive at New York by Air India flight number AI 101 at 15:35 hours on Monday the 22nd May 1972.

It is so good of you to take so much interest in the Mission and the divine work that our Master is doing. We all pray to him to bless you with full spiritual growth. We do not anticipate any change in programme as of the moment, and our arrival is therefore definite on the date given above. Should there be any unforeseen last minute change I shall send you a cable.

Kindly keep in contact with Dr. R.P. Singh, 3501 Toledo Terrace, Apartment B1, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783, who is our preceptor in Washington, and who has been entrusted with the task of framing Master's programme in the U.S.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
cc. Dr. R.P. Singh, U.S.A.

5th April 1972

Dr. R.P. Singh
3501 Toledo Terrace, Apt. B1
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783
U.S.A.

Dear brother,

I am much relieved having received your letter of the 31st March, and I am glad to find that the programme in the States is developing, and I do hope you have heard from brother Chiranjeevi ere now.

You have asked us to arrive on the 20th, but this is impossible because the programme up to arrival in New York has been fixed taking into account the convenience of so many other centres involved in Europe that any change in programme will upset the whole apple cart. I do hope you will appreciate this and prevail upon the Professor of Philosophy in Storrs to arrange his programme accordingly. I would have very much wished to accommodate him entirely in the matter, but arrangements already made preclude this.

From the attached copy of my letter of date to Mrs. Caroline S. Miller, you will note that she will be meeting Master on arrival at New York airport and taking us direct to her residence in Connecticut, which she says is about two and a half hours drive from New York. I am sure, brother, you will also meet us on arrival and kindly ensure that the hookah tobacco is kept ready by then.

I am planning to leave Madras for Delhi earliest on the 16th April and latest on the 18th. I would appreciate very much a reply from you to reach me before 16th at Madras with at least a tentative programme of Master's U.S. visit. I do trust and hope that this will be possible. A number of people in the States are now members of the Mission, and I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a list so that you may establish contact with all of them. I am sure you will make every effort to integrate the small group already established in the States into a solid base on which a future edifice of the Mission in that vast country may be built. A programme of Master's visit has already been sent to you, but as a measure of making doubly sure that it reaches you another copy is enclosed. I look forward to your reply to reach me before the 16th. I am glad Mr. R. Vijayaraghavan took the opportunity of meeting you, and I now look forward to meeting you in New York.

The addresses where Master will stay in all the centres abroad are listed in the programme for the convenience of those wishing to correspond on matters connected with his visit. I am sure you will find it necessary to do so and request you to address such letters to those centres and post them definitely before one week of our arrival in such centres. I am also endorsing a copy of this letter to Shri Chiranjeevi.

With best wishes,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
cc. Shri Chiranjeevi, Texas

5th April 1972

Mr. S.S. Ramakrishnan
73, 13th Street
Troy NY 12180
U.S.A.

Dear brother,

My father, Mr. C.A. Rajagoplachari has asked me to reply parts of your letter dated April 1st, addressed to him. A few days back I have sent to you a printed copy of Master's tour programme from which you will note that Master will arrive on Monday the 22nd May in New York by flight number AI 101 at 15:35 hours, from London. He is being driven straight from the airport to the residence of Mrs. Caroline S. Miller, 37 Broad Street, Stonington, Connecticut 06378. I do not know how long Master will stay there. Apart from this Master will also be visiting one of our newly created American preceptors, Mr. Fredric Weinstock, 2750 Garden Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104, which is about ninty miles from New York. I do not know how long again Master will stay at Fred's place. However, arrival in New York on the dates specified above is definite. The whole matter of preparing the U.S. programme was left to Dr. R.P. Singh to be done by him in mutual consultation with you and Mr. Chiranjeevi. I have received a letter from Dr. Singh relating about the Bangaladesh Professor and his anxiety to have a lecture programme in his college. I am afraid we are too far away from you to advise you of what should be done and how it should be done, and Master has therefore to very largely depend upon you three gentlemen to give a coherent and balanced programme which can be as useful as possible to the local citizens of the U.S.A.

You would have noted from the programme that we are leaving Bombay on the morning of the 21st April for Cairo. I do not expect you will be able to write to us in detail about the U.S. programme before then. I have therefore advised Dr. R.P. Singh that his correspondence can be continued with Master or me with the respective centres which Master will be visiting in Europe, and I therefore await either from you or all three of you letters at the addresses given in the programme. In fact an early finalisation of the U.S. programme would be very much appreciated for inclusion in our overall programme. Even though the departure in the United States is printed in the programme, this can be considered as slightly flexible, if necessary. But you will appreciate that the length of stay cannot be extended indefinitely at any place. I am sending a copy of this letter also to Dr. R.P. Singh to keep him informed, and also sending herewith a list of people already involved in the Mission and those who have shown some interest for your information.

This list has already been sent to Dr. R.P. Singh a couple of days back. I do look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience preferably at our first European halt, Rome.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. Dr. R.P. Singh
cc. H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj

11th April 1972

Shri G.L. Saravanamuttu
Isola 26 Nord, Villino 23/12
Casalpolocco
Rome, Italy

My dear brother,

Thank you for your letter of the 5th April received today. The tentative programme for Master's visit from the 25th to 29th April is noted. I trust you have received the printed copy of Master's programme sent to you on the 4th. You will note that Master arrives in Rome from Cairo by Air India flight AI 115 on Sunday the 23rd April at 6:25 A.M. in the morning. I am afraid this is a very early hour for you to meet us and it will cause you considerable inconvenience to come to the airport. But Master will certainly look forward to meeting you and perhaps some other abhyasis of the Mission too at the airport on that date. In fact I have already covered this point in my earlier letter dated 6th April. On 23rd perhaps you can arrange for a general satsangh in the evening at your residence or in the city as convenient and again on the 24th evening a general satsangh can be held. This is left to your discretion.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari
Secretary

cc. Revered Master, H.O.
- with copy of Mr. Saravanamuttu's letter to me.

6th July 1972

Mrs. Antonietta Bernardi
Via Del Serafico 78
Rome 00142
Italy

Pursuant to the General Body Meeting held at your residence on Saturday the 1st July 1972, and the decisions taken there, I am pleased to confirm your appointment as Joint Secretary to the Italian Working Committee for a period of three years effective the 1st July 1972. As you are aware a full Working Committee has been formed as under:-

1. Shri Ram Chandraji, President (Permanent)
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Secretary (Permanent)
3. Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari, Preceptor-in-charge Overseas Centres (Permanent)
4. Shri G.L. Saravanamuttu, Preceptor-in-charge of Italian Centres (Permanent)
5. Mr. Paolo Passaquindici, Member (Nominated)
6. Mrs. Antonietta Bernardi, Member (Nominated)

7. Miss Luciana Suberni, Member (Nominated)
8. Miss Irene Imperiali, Member (Nominated)

We trust you will organise the work of the Mission in an exemplary manner and ensure that all the members of the Committee and general members of the Mission co-operate in building up a good spiritual base for the Mission's activities for the good of humanity.

Ram Chandra
President

cc. Mr. G.L. Saravanamuttu
cc. Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari
cc. Shri P. Rajagopalachari

6th July 1972

Mr. Thomas Mogensen
Ordrup Jagtvej 36
2920 Charlottenlund
Copenhagen
Denmark

Subsequent to the formation of the Working Committee of the Mission in Denmark at a meeting held on Friday the 12th of May 1972, a Working Committee meeting was held on Saturday the 17th June 1972 at the residence of Miss Vibe Erstad, and during this meeting you have been appointed Joint Secretary to the Danish Working Committee. As you know the full Working Committee consists of:-

1. Shri Ram Chandraji, President (Permanent)
2. Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Secretary (Permanent)
3. Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari, Member (Permanent)
4. Mrs. Birthe Haugaard, Member (Permanent)
5. Miss Vibe Erstad, Member (Elected)

6. Mr. Thomas Mogensen, Member (Elected)
7. Dr. A. Lakshminarasimhan, Member (Elected)

By this letter your appointment as Joint Secretary is confirmed, and it is hoped that you will organise all the working of the Danish Centres of the Mission in close co-ordination of the preceptors and Working Committee members and general abhyasis in such a way to create a solid spiritual base for the good of humanity.

Ram Chandra
President

cc. Mrs. Birthe Haugaard
cc. Shri C.A. Rajagopalachari
cc. Shri P. Rajagopalachari

No. C-111/768/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
8th August 1972

Shri U.S. Arya
Holinagar
Sitapur (U.P.)

My dear Uma Shankar,

I like the idea of your coming to me on my arrival here from the West. You have also given some information about the Kanth centre, but there was no clear and vivid information for my further action. Still, I am grateful to you as you have given me at least some information about the attitudes of the satsanghis in general. I also gave instructions to you to think about the matters of the Kanth centre. I wanted to know all about it before I may proceed to think of the proper action necessary for that centre.

What is the beauty in a man. He cannot be an animal with four legs and what is bad in self that it can induce towards animality with head and legs. If anybody works as man, he remains man throughout. If anybody works with self, he becomes all in self, which is the backbone of the animal.

What is required of us that we, even remaining in cage, enjoy the freedom. Animals cannot do, and when you want to bring them to man they will require a rope and the peg. Tigers are trained by electric rod and wolves are trained by the wooden club. It is for us to decide in what way I may improve the lot of others and give them share accordingly. Ways are there in the Mission, but club is wanting, which, I now think, is also essential.

With all these views together, we should evolve some method of discipline to correct their ways and means. I think I am not doing much good to the society because club is not in my hand. If I do not have that club, I must have a flowery stick at least that may give the idea of beating, but without hurting.

Why I am writing this to you, because I have faith in your capacity of organisation, but there you use the muddy stick. Now you have to think it yourself what ways and means should be adopted by us to make our Mission as it should really be. If you consult me about it which concerns the preceptors in general, I think I will not succeed in its solution alone. I am also feeling the difficulties that in North India we have the society of uneducated-educated persons, and there we get the stuff which is rotten and worn out by the beat of different thoughts. They are mine but if you peep into them, they are of themselves. How to eradicate it? Everybody should think whether they have this type of uncivilised state of mind. If they have, they should remove it first and then they should proceed further.

When I saw you here in Shahjahanpur, I found some change in your demeanour, but I did not tell you anything. It appears by inner study that you have started some similarity with the persons not loyal to the Mission.

There are persons, though in microscopic minority, who prove their worth after initiation. I don't think I shall be able to bear the autumn and the spring at the same time in the Mission. Hence weeding is now necessary. I care for the work and I also appreciate the persons who are doing the work of the Mission with care and loyalty, but I have also breathed the air of the West, so my line of work has now begun to change.

Love to children.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM

To: Shri Ram Chandraji **20th September 1972**

RETAINING SARVESH FOR TIME BEING PRANAMS
PARTHASARATHI

26th October 1972

Mrs. Birthe Haugaard
Stationsvej 18
Greve Strand 2670
Denmark

My dear Birthe,

Master has given me your letter of the 18th addressed to him for reply on certain points. He will also reply to you in further detail as soon as he reaches Shahjahanpur. He is leaving for Delhi with Sister Kasturi tomorrow evening. We are happy to note that from Denmark about twenty-six abhyasis will be coming for the Centenary Celebrations in various groups commencing with the arrival of Leif around the 10th at Shahjahanpur. Please instruct all abhyasis who come from Denmark to carry with them their sleeping bags because for such a large number it will be difficult to provide individual beds. Therefore a sleeping bag for each person is an absolute necessity.

Please also tell your abhyasis who are coming to India that the winter in Shahjahanpur can be very cold, and let them not think that because they are coming from Denmark, India will be warmer. You know we have no internal heating in houses and particularly in North India where it is very cold, life will be very uncomfortable if they are not suitably equipped with woollen clothes.

Regarding group sittings, the formal weekly satsangh may be taken by you as a general rule. Satsangh is held for the benefit of abhyasis and it is a general rule that the preceptor with the highest spiritual approach takes such group meditation. In Denmark you are the person with the highest spiritual approach, and therefore it is proper that you must take the formal weekly sitting. While it is true that the transmission is the same, the power behind transmission varies according to the approach of the person, and will not be the same in all cases. It is like a boy using a hammer and a grown-up person using a hammer — the hammer is the same but the power utilised is not the same.

If the other preceptors wish to have group sittings, they should think of smaller groups meeting in their houses which they can take. For instance a small group or even a large group can meet at Vibe's house on say, Sundays. A similar group on Tuesday at Lakshmi's house and so on. But for the general sitting all the persons should invariably be present for meditation with you.

Regarding the data with instructions this has not yet been finalised. Anyway you all know what is expected from a preceptor and what are the general principles behind a preceptor's work. I think you all have sufficient information and sufficient personal instruction from Master himself to carry on your work satisfactorily. Regarding Lakshmi's statement that in Madras different preceptors gave group sittings, this is not correct. The group sitting is invariably conducted by our Centre-in-charge, Mr. R. Vira Raghavan and only in his absence other preceptors conduct sittings. Occasionally, preceptors with higher approach like Sister Kasturi take sittings when they visit us, but the general rule is for the Centre-in-charge to conduct meditation sittings.

It is good if preceptors can take sittings from each other because for themselves each preceptor is only an abhyasi and definitely needs a sitting at least twice a month from another preceptor for cleaning and general attention. Please explain to your preceptors the need for this and get them to co-operate in taking sittings from each other at least twice a month.

Regarding other matters raised in your letter, Master will reply from Shahjahanpur as I have already said.

Love and best wishes to all,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Madras

P. Rajagopalachari **Madras**
13th November 1972

Mr. Andre Poray,
Sanary
France

My dear brother,

Thank you for your letter of the 8th from Paris and thank you very much for the photographs of the five preceptors in France. The book will probably go to press next week but even now if you can send further photographs — really interesting ones — they will be very useful and get included.

The annual Basant Panchami festival is at Shahjahanpur on the 7th, 8th and 9th February. Master will probably leave by about the 12th reaching Madras by the 14th February. No definite dates have been fixed yet for his arrival here. The function at Madras is on the 24th and 25th February. We have taken one large marriage house for the 24th and 25th and since there is a large air-conditioned dining hall upstairs available, it is proposed that overseas guests can stay there, though only dormitory style, that is, all in one hall. This is of course available only for the two days. We have also arranged another marriage hall next door to this one for five days from 6 A.M. on the 22nd to 6 A.M. on the 26th. There most of the people will be staying for these five days.

If Irene is coming with you, when are you both arriving here? I can arrange for Irene to stay in someone's house — maybe Vijayaraghavan of my office. You need not worry about this. I do not think Master will leave Madras before the 10th of March. So I think it will be possible for you to stay for four or five days with him, go to Pondicherry and then go to Shahjahanpur with him. So this is the information that I think I have at the moment. I trust you will plan accordingly and let us know.

I am sorry to hear that Mariane Kohler will not be coming to India. Is there any other visitor expected from France? I hope the satsangh at Nice is going on well and that Madame Bonssiuer is well. Please convey to her my very best wishes and affectionate regards. Hope also your own family at Sanary is well. Love to all of them.

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master.

P. Rajagopalachari **Madras**

13th November 1972

Mr. John. R. Barlow
Nova Scotia
Canada

Dear Mr. Barlow,

I am in receipt of your letter of the November 3rd from Nova Scotia and note that you have shifted there. Regarding your visit to India in February I would request you to plan for this and definitely come over. The centenary celebrations are on the 24th and 25th February at Madras, and Master has already requested all overseas associates to try to come for this. It is of course not possible for everyone to come but I hope you will come. There will be definite spiritual benefit by staying with Master for some days. Please let me know as soon as your programme is finalised.

Master is expected here around the 14th February and will probably stay till at least the 5th or 6th of March.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master.

P. Rajagopalachari **Madras**

17th November 1972

Mr. S. Lakshminarasimhan
Copenhagen
Denmark

My dear Lakshminarasimhan,

Thank you for your kind letter of the 13th November. There is no question of any misunderstanding between us or for that matter between me and any worker of the Mission. I consider that we are all brothers and sisters primarily because of our common bond of love and devotion to the Master and Master's power will resolve all problems that any centre will face in the initial stages of its establishment. As you rightly say perhaps there are misunderstandings created in your centre by lack of proper understanding of the language, and the best thing is for you to take the basic tenets of the Mission including the prayer as given by Master and use these as foundations upon which to build the organisation there. As you know in the official prayer the last lines as added by Dr. Varadachari are no longer valid and not authorised. I refer to the two lines, "We are sitting in the ocean of bliss and the waves of Thy Grace are passing through us removing dirt and disease." This is best omitted as not being part of the formal prayer granted by Master.

You can rest assured that whatever problems might develop there is no question of any personal hatred or ill will as far as I am concerned, I value your letter as contributing to clear up the misunderstanding existing among Danish preceptors. I note that you have sent a copy of your letter to Master. I am endorsing a copy of this letter to Master.

Thank you for your kind best wishes. I hope Lakshmi is well and getting on well in her studies. Our special love to her. I hope she enjoyed her Czechoslovakia tour and has come back richer in experience. Our love and best wishes to all of you.

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

P.S. I do not discuss overseas' centres matters with any of the Indian preceptors as they are not relevant to the Indian organisation.

cc. Master.

P. Rajagopalachari **Madras**

20th November 1972

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Ohio
U.S.A.

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 10th November with the original documents for filing. My comments are as follows, subject to final approval by Master whom I am requesting to write to you in this connection after he has seen a copy of this letter to you. His instructions will of course be final:-

1. We have already registered the Mission in Denmark.

2. We would prefer Master to be the permanent President of all Mission organisations in the world due to his special status as the Spiritual Head of the Mission and the prime mover of the system of meditation taught by the Mission. In Denmark we initially faced the problem that according to Danish law a non-Danish citizen could not be President of a body corporate but when we explained the special circumstances of this issue they agreed to have Master as President of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Denmark. I would suggest your viewing this by discussions with the registration authorities if it is feasible.

3. We also would prefer to have the General Secretary of the Mission as the Secretary of all overseas organisations of the Mission. In Denmark we have succeeded in this too.

4. We have in our organisation in India one preceptor who is designated Preceptor-in-charge of Overseas Centres of the Mission. We have succeeded in having this gentleman also as a permanent member of the Committee constituted for Denmark. This also we would prefer in respect of U.S. organisations.

5. It is clarified that we would not be able to transfer any funds to any of our overseas organisations not only because we lack funds to do so, but because Government of India will not permit release of foreign exchange for such purposes. Overseas organisations will therefore be financially independent of the parent organisation in India and will have to raise their resources.

6. One important point is that in the event of any Mission organisation abroad being wound up, the assets available to the Mission account at that time should normally be transferable to the parent organisation in India. Will you kindly ascertain whether U.S. laws will permit such a transfer.

7. Local organisations abroad will normally be expected to contribute at least to the local expenditure of official visitors from the Mission from time to time. I understand from your letter that this will be permissible as far as U.S. laws are concerned.

8. We would prefer to have the Ohio registration go through as early as possible bearing in mind the above, and I am sure you will write to me after you have discussed the points raised in this letter.

9. Yes, you must file a 1023 form requesting tax exemption with your internal revenue service. Thereafter group filing can be done if similar registration in other states where we have centres is contemplated. Is it not possible to have a nationwide registration?

10. Under the circumstances mentioned in your letter whereby Ohio state will require majority residents of the Trustees within the state, I do not think it will be possible to include either Fred or other preceptors residing outside Ohio on your Board. What I would suggest is that if you can get them to agree to the President, General Secretary, and the Preceptor-

in-charge of the Overseas' Centres, all of the parent organisation to be included, then we could possibly consider nominating you as the local Vice President together with Esther Hills as the Member of the Board, and Polly as the local Joint Secretary if this can be agreed to by the state authorities.

I believe that once registration in your own state has gone through it will be easier for our preceptors in other states to take parallel action in registering the Mission in their respective states.

11. I am not quite clear about what you have written "No funds will be solicited or earmarked." Does this mean you cannot purchase books from India? Even as it is, we are only sending you books on free supply basis on the understanding that books will be sold locally and amount credited as revenue to your account from your centre. That is, there is no payment involved from your centre to the parent organisation in India, and I hope this will not create any difficulty. I would once again mention that we would like your centre to bear expenditure additionally on visits by Master or by similar visits authorised by the Mission but we will not expect any funds to be sent by you to India except in the extreme contingency of the winding up of the Mission activity, when the total transfer of the assets is contemplated, as referred to above.

I am retaining the original documents sent by you to me till I hear from you on this subject. It is good you have sent a copy to Master so that he could seek local opinion in his place and advise you further in this matter. I am somewhat sorry to note that Sahaj Marg activity is interfering in your personal life. This is something I am sure Master too would not wish. I am sure Master will work on your husband in his own way and solve your problems without disrupting the harmony of your existence in any way. Please convey our love to all in your family and our best wishes to our brothers and sisters there specially to Polly.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master:-

I understand Mrs. Kimball has already sent to you the documents, the original of which I have with me. I shall be obliged if you will kindly write to her in detail after you have read this.

In the book *India in the West* I am mentioning that Mrs. Kimball is the Preceptor-in-charge of all our U.S. centres. I trust this has your approval. I think she is the best choice among the people available to the Mission now.

Madras

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th which came in yesterday with a press cutting regarding Balayogishwar. It is good that Mr. Sweeny has become a friend. I hope he will help us.

Love and with best wishes to all,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

P. Rajagopalachari **Madras**

20th November 1972

Mrs. Vera Davies
Sussex
U.K.

Dear Vera,

I hope you got my last letter regarding the visit of my boss Mr. T.T. Narasimhan to England. He has left day before yesterday and may be in London already. I trust you would have kindly written to him to his hotel address as to when you could see him. Master and I were very disappointed that you have not sent the photographs — yours and Elidir's — for publication in the book *India in the West*. We are putting up pictures of every other preceptor abroad and the absence of yours and Elidir's pictures will be a gap in the publication. This letter is specifically to request you to reconsider your decisions and let me have one copy each of the photograph of yours and Elidir's. As the book is going to the press tomorrow, assuming that you will agree, I am asking the printer to leave blank spaces in the appropriate pages of the book and we now await your pictures per return.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master - Please write to Mrs. Davies requesting her co-operation.

13th December 1972

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Ohio
U.S.A.

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your long letter of the 3rd December. The salient points which I think emerge are the following:-

1. That the Mission will have to be registered in each state of the United States progressively, but I think, if you can get the registration through Ohio, then there should not be much difficulty in our registering ourselves in other states, and it is therefore important that the registration in Ohio state is done as near as possible to Master's wishes, i.e. providing for the President and General Secretary at least of the Mission to be the President and General Secretary of the Mission registered in Ohio.

2. The question regarding Preceptor-in-charge of overseas' centres is not so important from an organisational point of view. Master will agree to relax this, if necessary.

3. I do not think there will be any difficulty in our recognising the Ohio centre of the Mission as affiliated to the main Mission in India as distinct from subordinate to Indian Mission — which latter will not be the case.

4. There will be no objection to your being statutory agent of the Mission, and I am sure you will kindly agree to assume this responsibility.

I am attaching a list of Indian centres with names of Preceptors-in-charge, and a second list of overseas' centres of the Mission with a list of Preceptors-in-charge, and a third list specifically in the case of Denmark giving the names of the members of the Working Committee. If you want any more details please let me know.

As I wrote to you earlier, registration formalities are under way only in Denmark so far where we have not yet got the official document registering the Mission, but we have been informed by the authorities that registration can be taken as having been done but the issue of the necessary document will take anything up to six months.

I hope you and Craig had a nice holiday in Florida and were able to relax and have real fun.

As usual I am sending a copy of this letter to Master so that he may advise you further, if necessary.

Love to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

No. C-863/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
18th December 1972

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Ohio, USA

My dear sister,

Received your affectionate letter with the letter of daughter Spencer, addressed to you which showed that she is quite well. I am writing to her also.

The stomach-ache which I had developed in Germany is still continuing with breaks.

I am happy that you are taking interest in the Mission in every way possible. I am so happy with your devotion to humanity and attachment to the Mission, that I have nothing to say except to develop and develop and may give light to our American brothers.

The scheme you have suggested is good in the interest of the Mission, but Narayana is already employed here. So I shall like to hear from him also.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Extract from the letter of Mrs. Grace Kimball dated 24 November 1972 addressed to Rev. Master.

Something I've wanted to ask your spiritual help on — after almost a year of correspondence and meetings with staff in Ithaca, we have placed an application for admission to the PhD programme at Cornell University for K.C. Narayana — he and I talked about it when he visited here, and again when I saw him in India — it seems I'm trying to interfere in someone's destiny. But if we get your Mission organised in the States, it would seem appropriate to have a philosophy student on a campus where everyone could meet in seminar from time to time, reinforcing the branches by establishing a centre with Narayana as director. If he were director, and perhaps the branches would be willing to help with a small salary for him, we could find a steady growth in numbers and branches.

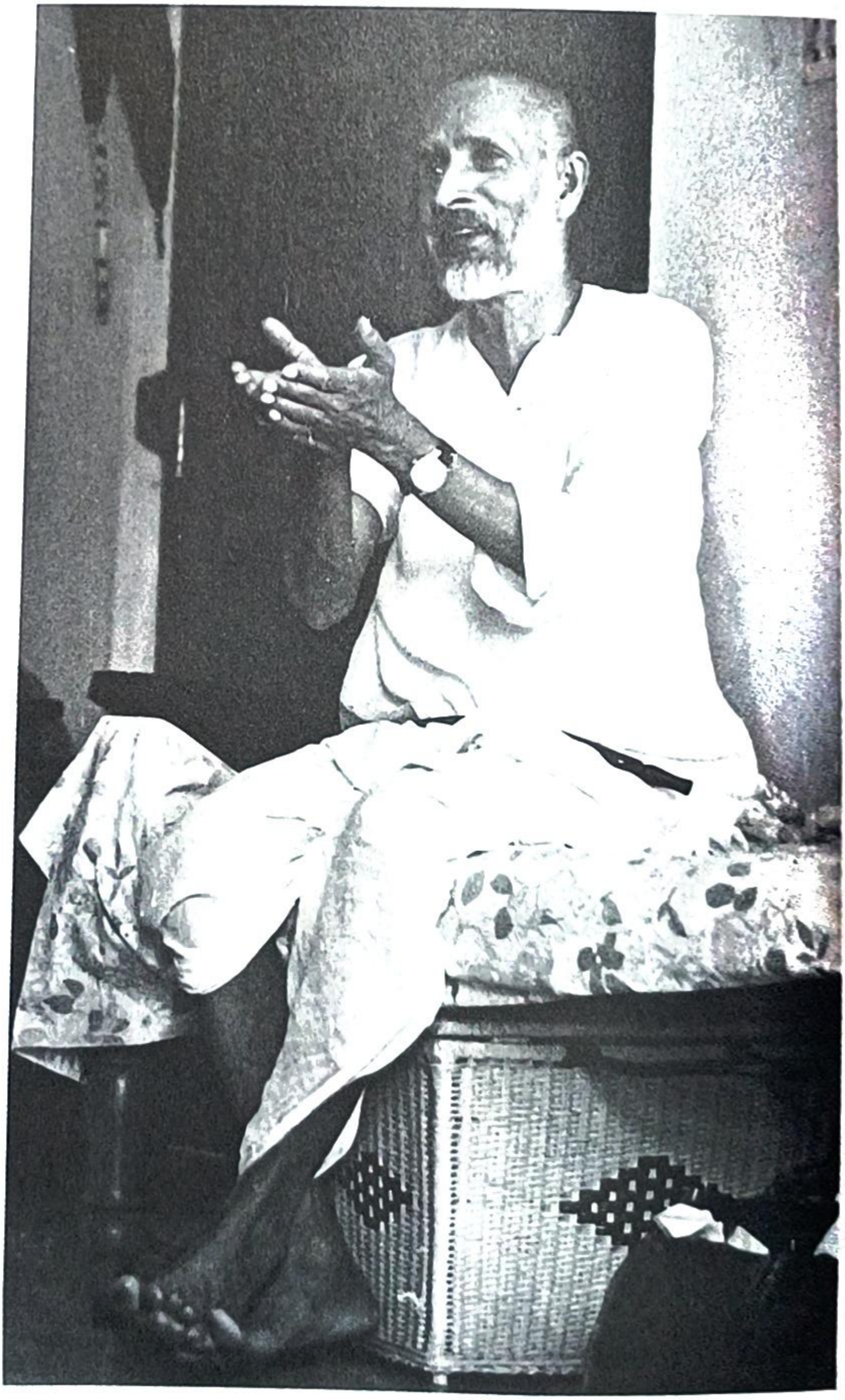
Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a centre for retreat, a place to find renewed spirit in this crazy material world of the West. I don't know if Narayana will be accepted because Cornell is low on money for the humanities, that is why I haven't told you sooner. I feel that Narayana is a remarkable young man and would represent you best in this country, since his first interest is God. We won't know until spring about acceptance, but if you will think it over, I want to know if you approve — if you do, then I want you to bless the venture. I'll always be grateful to Narayana for showing me the way and for helping Spencer to find you.

TELEGRAM

To: C.A. Rajagopalachari **25th December 1972**

PRAYER STARTED. ENGERGIZING. TAKE OIL BATH AND REST. MY SELF BETTER.

RAM CHANDRA



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TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **4th January 1973**

REFTEL PROPOSAL APPROVED

RAM CHANDRA

Camp Madurai
7th January 1973

My Beloved Master,

I pray that you are in good health and that you are taking at least some rest from the enormous work that seems to be descending upon you — I understand that there are large numbers of abhyasis staying with you and surely this will be a great strain unless you take adequate rest and food. I have not received a single letter from you for nearly three weeks now — nothing except a telegram referring to my father in reply to my long letter. I pine for your Beloved darshan and long for your presence but it seems not at all possible now. My heart is heavy with the pangs of my separation from you. I am restless for you. I pray to you to grant me an opportunity of being with you, even if it is only for a day. The nature of my work has changed a lot, in my office I mean, so that my travelling has become restricted. The future is confused and what I shall have to do in the coming months and years is uncertain. Chi. Sarvesh has spoken to me once or twice, asking to return to Shahjahanpur, but I have detained him at Madras hoping that my boss will keep up his word and provide him the promised apprenticeship soon. I know it is difficult for Chi. Sarvesh to remain idle, but I hope it won't be for long.

India in the West is making good progress — 128 pages have been printed (1500 copies) and the rest — half the book — is in proof stage. The book has become bigger than I expected it to be — we have included sixty-eight photographs, and so the length has gone up. *Truth Eternal* is being finally re-typed and will go to Press in a week or so.

For the Centenary work is in full swing. Nearly 65,000 rupees have come in so far, in advertisements and donations and I think at least a further 10,000/- will come before 10th February, raising the total to 75,000/-. A souvenir sale of at least Rupees 10,000/- is anticipated — so that a minimum of Rs. 85,000/- will come in. After *Truth Eternal*, if you permit, I shall take up your own biography for final editing.

Beloved Master, I feel that some deep-seated change is taking place in me. I seem to be becoming as dependent on you as a child is on its mother. Day before yesterday I was transmitting to a group of Madurai abhyasis here. Within a few minutes after commencing *puja* I felt as if I was sitting on your seat, near the window, and the impression was so strong I wanted to turn around and look through the window — the feeling persisted a long time. After the sitting, Mr. G.S. Moni said that he felt that I had been transmitting to him not from Madurai but from Shahjahanpur! I request your clarification/reading of this experience.

I expect to be back in Madras by Thursday 11th in the evening. I long for at least a letter from you.

We have been getting offers of good house plots at about Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 25000/- per ground (2400 square feet). We need a minimum of two grounds for our permanent Mission building at Madras. I had sent you a telegram regarding this on Wednesday 3rd. If you approve, we can utilise whatever surplus is left from the Centenary Fund for land purchase.

Please also let me know how I am progressing and whether the work is going on to your satisfaction.

I pray for mergence in and with you.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **9th January 1973**

OUR OWN IDEA INFORM YOU MASTER HAS A SEVERE ATTACK OF EXCESSIVE PAIN CANNOT TAKE MILK YESTERDAY IS IN BED MORE FATIGUE THAN AFTER SIX DAYS OF ONLY MILK IN GERMANY MASTER HAS JUST CANCELLED TOUR TO SITAPUR 12/1 FOR EYE CURE QUITE CERTAIN I CANNOT GO PRAYER

VIBE

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **10th January 1973**

HAD SEVERE PAIN ATTACK SLOWLY SUBSIDING TODAY

RAM CHANDRA

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **10th January 1973**

MASTER SLEPT TWO HOUR IN NIGHT IS OUT OF BED SINCE NOON

TOOK MILK SEVERAL TIME THOUGH STILL WEAK ENOUGH

VIBE

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **10th January 1973**

HAD SEVERE PAIN ATTACK SLOWLY SUBSIDING TODAY

RAM CHANDRA

Madras

12th January 1973

My Beloved Master,

I was in Madurai when my father telephoned to give me the information that Vibe had so kindly passed on by telegram about your illness, and I was deeply worried about this. I am grateful for the return telegram that I received from you at Virudhunagar. I am also especially grateful to Vibe for again sending me a telegram to Virudhunagar. Notwithstanding all this I continue to be much worried about your health. It is now seven or eight months since this state of affairs commenced in Denmark last June, and even though there have been brief periods when you appear to have had some relief, such periods have not been many, nor have they lasted long enough to justify the belief that your health is improving. I am concerned that your health is being neglected and that you are put to so much unnecessary suffering. The severe winter in North India is no doubt adding its own share to your overall suffering. And added to all this is the heavy pressure of work.

Having thought over all this for the last few days, I have come to the conclusion that there is no remedy except to bring you out of Shahjahanpur, as early as possible and put you under systematic treatment and nourishing diet for a minimum of six months, until you show a definite and permanent improvement in your health. I would suggest that you should immediately take a decision to come over to Madras as early as you can — preferably immediately. I feel that it should be possible for you to celebrate Basant Panchami here in Madras itself. Wherever you are the Grand Master is also there. Please consider this seriously and come to a quick decision. It is important that your health gets systematic and definite attention immediately. I would suggest that you may have to stay in Madras at least for the next six months. This is essential in my opinion if any improvement is to be consolidated and made permanent. Purely temporary improvement is no longer of any benefit, nor can the mere alleviation of pain be taken as cure. Please, I request you to consider all this and come quickly to Madras. I have written a long letter to you from Madurai. Perhaps it has been received by now. I have not received any letter from you for over three weeks now, I don't know why this silence. I am expecting a letter within the next two days with full details about yourself. Please write.

India in the West is nearing completion — it is expected to be ready by the 5th February or so. The book has become much longer than intended — almost 320 pages!

The length is mainly because of the large number of blocks almost seventy in number included. *Truth Eternal* has been finally revised and retyped for the Press — they have agreed to take it up next week and complete the printing by the 20th February. Time is a bit tight but we expect that it will go through as planned and be ready for release by you on the 25th February.

All are well at home. I am experiencing a peculiar thing to which you have referred often. It is this. I get headache quite often and it seems to last longer than it used to. But I find that after the pain has completely stopped I really feel better in some subtle way than I felt before the pain started. This is a new experience for me. All is by your loving and benign Grace.

I hope to receive your reply without delay.

With love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **13th January 1973**

NOW MASTER IS FINE AGAIN LOVE

VIBE

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **18th January 1973**

FEELING WELL NOW LETTER FOLLOWS

RAM CHANDRA

PERSONAL

No. C-116/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
19th January 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received both of your letters dated 7th and 12th January 1973.

I had severe pain in the stomach suddenly. Pepsamar worked to stop the pain to the extent I got sleep. It is now subsided, but sometimes it appears mildly. The repetition is often there — fortnightly or in a month's time. For such a mild pain I do not care, because I have got accustomed to it. Every necessary precaution — milk and others — are being taken, and I am continuing the treatment of the Madras doctor.

When you suffer from headache and feel trouble, I also suffer from stomach ache and feel pain. You need not be perplexed.

I am thinking and thinking but it is not affecting you in stopping your headache.

Sarvesh wants to come to Shahjahanpur to join his Convocation, but I stopped him, because he may be needed at any time for service. I hope you will succeed in your attempt and he will get the job.

Now about your transmission in Madurai. The fact is verified by Shri G.S. Moni. It often happens and it happened in my own case several times. There can be either of the two causes for it. It so happens that the preceptor comes in contact a little with my condition and the thing begins to work. Secondly, *laya avastha* sometimes brings this result.

Now I have made up my mind to give in the press the first series of my Autobiography. So after the Centenary is over or when you get time, you may go through and correct the language where necessary in a way that my flow may not be disturbed. I choose you for corrections. I have also sent back the type script copies of both *India in the West* and *Truth Eternal* along with the copies of letters belonging to you. According to the wish of your father I also sent the Message for Souvenir. Your father had also suggested that the life of Shri Lalaji should be included in *Truth Eternal*. That was really a nice suggestion and I agreed.

About the purchase of the land for the Ashram, I have already approved your proposal by a telegram. Really it is essential to have your own land, because shutting up the door is always possible there. What you save from the Centenary Fund may be utilised for land purchase. It has now become essential. You will still be getting funds for the Centenary.

We have also started construction of the Meditation Hall here. Digging of the foundation is completed today. Iron is very expensive here, so I have sent two persons to Kanpur for a permit for steel after completing the necessary details and papers. Two engineers and one overseer completed the lay-out and our Vibe also helped being an engineer.

For the pangs of separation the reply is the same what I have written to Mrs. Davies while on tour.

Our Danish associates want me in Madras for three weeks, but I have yielded to two weeks only on account of Ashram construction.

One of my engineer associates from Hyderabad writes to me through Kumarswamy to give four months service to the Ashram free. I have thanked him and written that he will be called for when I stand in need of his services.

Shahjahanpur is such a wretched place that there is no facility of anything here except hookah.

I wish to request you to send me the list of all the foreign preceptors with their addresses for record here.

Mr. Chiranjeevi from Corsicana was here a fortnight ago. He will be coming again on 24th January 1973. Mr. Fred has also arrived here yesterday.

Love to children,

Yours affectionately,

Ram Chandra

P.S. Just today I have received a cheque for Rs. 205/- from Smt. Shyam Kumari Singh of Rai Bareli (U.P.) as donation for the Centenary celebrations. I am enclosing the said cheque to you with my endorsement thereon for deposit in the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission at Madras. Please acknowledge.

I have also transferred Rs. 1760/- to Madras on account of books sent by you (copy of letter to bank is enclosed).

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Enclosed: Cheque No. SB/42 535859 dated 18th January 1973 on State Bank of India, Lucknow. This letter is being sent insufficiently stamped by -/05p. to ensure delivery.

K.M. Saxena

Madras

2nd February 1973

Revered Master,

One copy of *India in the West* has been despatched to you by separate registered post today. This is the only copy that has been received from the Press so far. Full deliveries are expected by the 10th of this month as the wrapper has just been printed and has to be fitted on to the covers.

Please request brother Raizada to announce during Basant Panchami that copies for which centres have already placed orders may be collected at Madras when preceptors or members of such centres visit this place for Centenary celebrations.

Since most people will be here it is hoped that it will not be inconvenient for them to collect their copies here.

Truth Eternal is about three-quarters complete and the printing should be over by the 10th February, and the binding etc., by the 16th or 17th. It will be ready for release on the 25th as planned.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. Madras centre needs fifty copies of *Reality at Dawn*, and this may kindly be sent through somebody who is coming for the Centenary Celebrations along with the bill.

No. C-180/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
2nd February 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter which has already been acknowledged. The block of diagram appearing between pages 20 and 21 of *Reality at Dawn* (enclosed) seems to have been lost here. So it will not be possible for us to prepare the book a little before Utsava. Therefore, after the centenary is over, I will expect 2000 covers instead of 1500 for *Reality at Dawn*. I wish that the diagram block of copper plate may also be got prepared there in Madras, just like the size of the one enclosed.

You will be very busy with the celebrations, so if time permits, you can entrust this sort of work to your Joint Secretary.

I will also be reaching there on 18th February 1973 in the afternoon by air along with Mrs. Birthe Haugaard and Henry Babu. Although I have fixed the date of my arrival there and it seems to be certain, but when you receive the telegram then deem it as final.

Ashram work is not yet started in real form. Only the foundation is ready. Iron being very dear, I have applied for permit to the Tata Company at Kanpur. The Manager has promised to issue permit when he receives the material from his H.Q. In spite of best efforts I am getting only one truck of coarse sand or gravel daily. I require in all about forty.

I want to be with you for two weeks, but let us see how long I can stay there on account of the building construction.

All our foreign associates staying here, especially Mrs. Birthe Haugaard, send their greetings to you all.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S.- Enclosed herewith are three letters of Rev. Master to abhyasis. These may kindly be passed on to Chachaji for publication in the Magazine, and also request him to send material for the January 1973 issue.

By Order
K.M. Saxena

Madras
6th February 1973

Revered Master,

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Grace Kimball dated 29th January with a copy of the document of incorporation under which the Shri Ram Chandra Mission has been incorporated in the state of Ohio as the Central Office of the organisation. She has asked for the other preceptors in the U.S. centres to forward a document duly signed so that all the other centres can be brought under the scope of this central organisation in Ohio, and I have written to preceptors in the United States, and attach herewith a copy of the letter to them. I also attach herewith a copy of my letter of date to Mrs. Grace Kimball for your file.

I have received your letter of the February 2nd. The block for *Reality at Dawn* will be prepared and sent as early as possible. I have sent you one copy of *India in the West* which I trust you have received by now. *Truth Eternal* printing will be over in a few days and after that the binding work will commence. Souvenir printing will also be mostly done and everything is now ready for the Centenary Celebrations here.

You will also be pleased to hear that we have crossed the Rupee One *Lakh* target we had set for receipts for this function.

We were all expecting you here by the 12th or 13th and we are somewhat disappointed that you will come only on the 18th. I hope it will be possible for you to stay here for at least three weeks and leave Madras by around the 10th March since you need rest badly after the strain imposed on you by a large number of visitors during the last four months, the Basant Panchami Utsav all culminating in the Centenary Celebrations here.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

6th February 1973

Mrs. Grace Kimball
Ohio
U.S.A.

My dear Grace,

I was delighted to receive yesterday your letter of the 29th January with one copy of the Corporation papers for my file. I presume they are for my files since you have not asked for them to be returned. We are indeed very grateful to you for the thoroughness and promptness with which this matter has been executed, and more so for your taking upon yourself the responsibility of establishing this organisation in the United States. May Master ever bless you and all those with you. I am also glad that Polly and Charlotte are signatories to this document which, for us in India, is a great one as embodying in concrete form another step in the expansion of the Mission.

As desired by you I am writing to all the preceptors of the United States with the documents sent by you, requesting them to sign it and send you the original plus one copy retaining one copy for their files after their signatures are duly notarised. I assume from your letter that at the moment you do not need any document signed either by Master or by me. If and when you do, kindly let me know what is to be done.

I am delighted to note that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and that Carola and your son Clark were all able to spend some time with you. You must have had a very nice time with your grandson. I am sorry that I have forgotten to send you a chart so far and now I need the date of birth and exact time of birth to complete this. Please let me have this per return.

I note what you say about some visitors who will be coming here, and we will help them in all possible ways. I am sorry to note that Spencer will not be participating in this celebration of Grand Master's Birth Centenary.

Since Jerrie left India I have not heard from her. I hope that she really enjoyed her visit and found it useful. I am enclosing herewith one copy of the Mission bye-laws for your use in preparing your Articles of Incorporation. As far as the Trustees are concerned, you, Polly, and Esther from America are okay. As for naming me as a Trustee, I am requesting Master to send you his views in this matter by endorsing him a copy of this letter so that he may think over this and let you know his views for what He wants to be done.

Best Wishes to all and love from all of us,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

Madras
17th March 1973

Beloved Master,

I am glad to hear that you are well, and that you had a comfortable journey to Calcutta. I hope that the visit had the results that you had anticipated, and that some positive response was there. The Ashram construction must now have commenced in right earnest.

Father and Kasturi Jijji have gone to Raichur. They left yesterday by the day express. They will be in Raichur till Monday morning, when they will go to Cuddapah, and after a day's stay there, they will return to Madras on Wednesday the 22nd morning. Jijji wants to leave for Modinagar by the 23rd, subject to a suitable escort being available by train around that date.

I had been on tour to Virudhunagar and Madurai, and on the way I halted at Trichy for a satsangh also. Therefore there was no possibility of a visit to Shahjahanpur this month. Due to power cut all our industries are badly affected, and it is not possible to leave station at this time. From a letter from Vibe I got the information that you were expecting me on the 15th. I am sorry that I could not undertake the trip.

I am also very sorry to inform you that there will be considerable delay in sending the cover for *Reality at Dawn*. The cut-out block of your photo which we had prepared for the other books has been unavailable. As soon as it is located we have to go ahead with the artwork for the new cover, and only after that will we be able to give the artwork to the block maker for making blocks. Thereafter it will have to go for colour printing. With the power cut in force most work is at a stand still. I am sorry for this delay, and I would suggest that we wait for the new cover without worrying about demand for the book. It is better that the new edition comes out in a new cover, and demand will not be affected by this delay. I hope to make the cover available by the 15th April in any case.

Chi. Krishna's matriculation examination commences on the 20th of this month — i.e. next Tuesday. We all pray that your Grace may be with him.

Sow. Sulochana had a sitting with Kasturi Jijji a few days back. After some initial period she had the experience of being in a vast desert, and a feeling of Bliss. Sister praised this very much, saying that the desert experience is very rare. Bari Bahu would like you to comment on her experience. By your Grace she has made a lot of progress in recent months. I pray that she may be granted swift progress hereafter.

Chi. Ajit has created some problems here which I would like you to be aware of. Recently a new General Manager has been appointed in the company in which Chi. Ajit is working. This person has undertaken some re-organisation to develop the company, and in the course of this, the chemists, including Chi. Ajit have been asked to work in all three shifts, instead of just during the day as hitherto. The main purpose appears to be that chemists who have experience of only laboratory work should now also gain production experience by working in the plant during all three shifts. Chi. Ajit came to me to have these orders reversed. I told him that I would normally not interfere in the day-to-day working of the factory, as this was the General Manager's responsibility. I also pointed out to him that as a young man he should avail himself of this opportunity to enlarge his experience by working in Production departments also. He was not impressed with the need to do so, but went away. Later he has told my colleague Mr. Swaminathan that if he was not allowed to work in the day, and if the orders putting him on all three shifts were not withdrawn, he would submit his resignation. It is not possible for me to interfere in the normal running of the factory, and discipline in the organisation requires that orders be obeyed. I hope that Chi. Ajit will have the good sense to obey, and then point out his difficulties if any. It is strange that without ever having worked in shifts for even a day in his life he is able to imagine all sorts of problems. No organisation likes unwilling workers. But if a person is willing to first obey orders, and then approaches management with his difficulties, then it is always easy to secure sympathy. I hope that Chi. Ajit will not do anything rash and regret it later. It will be impossible to secure another good job under the present conditions prevailing in most of the country.

There is nothing else of importance to write. With Pranams and all our devoted love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-291/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
25th March 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter. I have written to Chi. Ajit a letter and explained to him what was needed. I also gave a wire admonishing him not to take any hasty action. I so eagerly wish that Chi. Krishna come out successful. May his labour be fruitful. Now about Bahu's experience. I have seen so many springs in my life before going to the Master. When I found place in the chamber of His heart I saw so many deserts and also the vast expanse. This is the shadow of the untold reality.

When I was in this condition I was feeling the same inner and out. Bahu somehow could borrow this condition. It will take a long time to come to that state. Feeling of this thing is really good and praiseworthy but when it becomes part and parcel of itself then this is the true condition. Somehow the preceptor of higher reach unconsciously gives this sort of transmission then this thing happens. I felt all these things in different levels according to my progress. Now you have recommended her case for swift progress, I agree with you and want the same. But tell me why don't you labour so much. I want to show you practically this condition for your knowledge when I am there or you are here. But some preparation will be needed. Please note that this is not the end.

I have received the Railway receipt of the books.

Love to children. With blessings.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
29th March 1973

My Beloved Master,

There has not been one single letter from you ever since you left Madras on the 5th of this month. We are all anxious for your letters for more reasons than one, and I hope you are well, and that the absence of letters does not mean any illness. One strange thing I want to report to you. Every time letters don't come from you I get upset and decide not to write to you until I get a letter from you. That same night on which I make such a resolution I have a dream in which you appear, and then I am compelled to write to you! This letter itself is the result of such a dream I had last night.

In the dream there is a vast assembly of people on a *maidan*. It is dusk. There is an enormous stage at one end, and it appears that a drama is about to begin. Someone asks me to bring you to the stage to preside over the drama. I escort you to the stage, and find that all the actors are lined up and they are all very big actors — I mean physically — they appear to be superhumans. Then I leave you on the stage, and as I am walking along a street, it begins to rain, but surprisingly there is no rain where I am walking, though just a few feet away it is raining. Then I enter a building and at this stage there is a repetition of the old dream about my wanting to go to the latrine, and though I find there are many, all are locked. There is one change, that from one latrine there comes a voice saying "come in and sit down." I shall be grateful for your explanation — and hope that at least now you will write!

Chi. Krishna's examination will be over today. All his written papers have ended, and only the Practical examination remains for today. By your Grace he has done very well in all the papers and hopes for a first class.

Kasturi Jijji leaves for Delhi tomorrow by the G.T. Express by First class in the company of a lady of the Tourist Department. She is much better but is still having her breathing troubles once every few days. I think travel is bad for her.

We all hope that the ashram construction work is going on well. I am surprised to hear adverse criticism about this from a large number of persons who, I had assumed, had initially approved this matter. The general feeling appears to be that a large expenditure on an ashram at Shahjahanpur is not justifiable as it will be used only a few days in the year. I am surprised that everybody so welcomed the project, but once construction has started they all come out with their real opinions. This feeling appears to be widespread, including among very senior members and preceptors. I am only reporting as your Secretary.

There are some matters which must be put through official processes such as formal approval etc. As you know, in all organisations the Gen. Secretary is held responsible for all that happens in the organisation. I find that quite a section of people blame me for this — when, until the Centenary where a committee had a meeting in which I was included, I have no knowledge at all about the detailed proposals. I wish the Joint Secretary would put up ALL papers to me formally for approval as is routinely done, and as it is necessary to be done. It is a formality which, in view of my being far away from the centre of activity, will help me to keep informed of what is going on at Headquarters. I may add that statutorily a Joint Secretary's approval to financial proposals is not ordinarily valid. As the organisation grows we have to bring in the necessary official procedures to see that all is done strictly in accordance with the Governmental and other regulations. Also, if I am to be officially responsible, then I must not only be informed but formal approval should also be taken on matters decided by the committee. I trust you will agree and give the necessary instructions. It pains me that there is so much criticism on a matter where everybody seemed to enthusiastically approve. It is the fate of all great men to be surrounded by flatterers and sycophants. I trust you will not take this letter amiss.

Another matter is the need to examine the question of changing the Head of certain centres. There are certain centres where in my opinion you will have to think of this. If you will let me know your views then I may write further on this subject.

I have written this letter in a very frank manner, and I hope nothing in it will annoy you or grieve you. Many of the problems could be easily solved if the Secretary lived in Shahjahanpur. I am accused by you of being strict or *sakth* as you put it. I don't know what to do about it. I told you in Europe that ever since my mother died in 1933, we boys were trained to be independent and to look after ourselves without the help, very often, of our father. This no doubt put some aggressiveness in all of us. Then my later military training, followed by a Sales career where I rose to be the top man, have all combined to make a lot of aggressiveness essential. BUT I believe that ever since I came under your Divine guidance and protection, I have changed a great deal. All my colleagues taunt me saying that the lion has become a lamb! And of late even my very junior subordinates congratulate me for the change. By your Grace, I have changed a lot, and I sincerely believe that I am giving you all co-operation in my personal spiritual development. I feel hurt when other persons tell me your opinion about me. I know that you do not believe in direct advice, and you must pardon me if I say that I sometimes feel that this is a disservice to some. There are many who do not like to hear the truth about themselves, even from the Master, but I do not belong to that category. I would be very very happy if my own and very beloved Master told me personally his opinion about me. I pray that you will not misunderstand me for writing in this manner. From you I expect only Divinity to flow, and that it should flow direct.

There is a lot of confusion in my office these days too. The future appears very uncertain for us old hands. The younger generation, Mr. Narasimhan's sons, are taking over the effective running of the organisation. The fate of older persons is uncertain.

All are well by your grace. We are going to Madurai etc. as soon as possible within the next few days, but we will be back here by the 10th of April. The cover for *Reality at Dawn* will be ready in a week's time and then if someone is not available to take it personally, I shall despatch it by parcel train.

With Love and adoration at your Lotus Feet,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Personal & Confidential
By Registered Post

No. C-50/335/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
3rd April 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your confidential letter of 29th March. You know that I am tired of my laziness. I often become very late in replying the letters, but I am never late in thinking of you and, I hope, on every 7th day approximately, you will be feeling some change in yourself. This clearly explains that lining on paper I do not do, but the substantial work is going on and their linings are being removed. I want to wash you through, so that the perennial fountain may throw forth the nectar unblocking the holes from which nectar flows. I love you and that I should not repeat. But really I wish that I may forget to love you in love, and I am waiting for that. Father loves the sons and sons love the father, but sometimes father also admonishes them, though he does not beat the aged ones. If these things are not done, I will conclude that love is wanting in the father. I might have become a bit harsh upon you because I feel it is my privilege.

This was the topic of the heart. Now the topic of the mind opens expressing once more that you should not in any way be worried if I do not write to you. Writing came after the language started, so it is secondary.

There are instructions sometimes in dreams also. Now, the last sentence of your dream clarifies that your idea of not writing to me is childish, and so the direction of writing is also there. I believe I reply every letter though not on paper, and that fulfils the reply.

A few people are now against the construction of the Ashram building, after putting me on the firing line and themselves going back. I know that there has developed a group who want to deceive themselves by not coming to the proper stand.

In the beginning I was not in favour of the Ashram at Shahjahanpur, because I was under the impression that its burden will fall upon me. I always refused to have an Ashram here. But it so happened that the people sat in meditation up to the gate and in the rooms besides the open space. Then I felt the idea of the Ashram. Here in Shahjahanpur, even if the buildings be hired, though it is difficult, where is the place to sit in meditation. Shahjahanpur is a place where we do not find place even to sit for so many persons. *Chaultries* are a few but at far off distances. Near about the place of my residence, I take two schools and one *chaultry* besides shops and Mill. Even then shortage of space is experienced. Now let them decide what to do under the circumstances, and inform me. The money we have accumulated for the Ashram will also go almost about three-fourths to government as income tax, and the rest will almost exhaust in the next year. I may welcome their suggestion even when I have already spent Rs. 71,000/- for materials, if they prove that they are sincere and faithful to the Mission and their advice is sincere and befitting.

The main defect, as I feel, is my own weakness that I am not reserved, but very often humorous so my words are not valued.

I must be more frank in telling you that when we constructed the first Ashram at Tirupati, nobody had objected, because the fear of Dr. K.C. Varadachari was also there. According to Tulsidas, unless fear is there love does not grow, although I am not very much in its favour. When other Ashrams were built, such a voice was never raised, and I think this thing they should explain themselves.

I could not start the Ashram yet because cement has not been available. I have secured permit from the government but then wagons are not available from the Satna factory to Shahjahanpur. I am now compelled to get at least half the quantity on trucks by road, because I have decided to start the construction on 15th April 1973 as the rains are sometimes early. I am now sending Shri Kashi Ram to arrange transport of cement somehow.

I believe, you know my condition that how much I feel attached with the Mission, but all the time this thought is not there, because most of the time I am away from myself. If I take all the matters about Mission on myself, the most important work will suffer. You are **wholly in charge of the Mission and its administration**. I believe that owing to my negligence in this respect you might not have been aware of certain things. I want to know what are those negligences, so that they may not reoccur in future. I am really unfit for the administration and I want a better organisation, never mind if a hundred leave the Mission.

I had appointed three persons in the committee formed for the Centenary with my brother, Mr. C.A. Rajagopalachari, as the chairman. The things have gone well and the people of the North praise the management very much. I had no proposal of any kind because a separate department had been created for this purpose. In Shahjahanpur, it was the only idea to make it successful and the same directions had been issued from here to the preceptors of the Mission of North India, with a copy to you. Really speaking only success of the Centenary was in my mind, and I sent letters to fulfil the requirements for its success. Indeed I am the President in Shahjahanpur, a peon and the Joint Secretary. I get help from the clerk no doubt. So I do what my poor mind dictates. Mr. Raizada is out of field and can safely be said a Joint Secretary in the name. Now, please advise me what to do.

Correspondence of the West is so difficult that it takes very long time to answer, because I want to make their stand on certain principles and basis.

About the finance, usually there are no other proposals except the salaries and the Ashram now. Will you please enlighten me that in what way we should work and in which cases your approval is necessary. As a layman I want to ask you for the good of the Mission to guide us in this respect, so that mistakes may not occur further.

I perfectly agree that it is necessary to change the heads of certain Centres and I shall agree to your proposals with certain discussions if needed. You are free to write whatever is good for the Mission without caring that I like it or not. You have repeated twice or thrice that your letter may not annoy me. So banish this idea from your mind altogether and write to me freely.

I might have said that you are strict, but at the same time I must have said that if duty requires, strictness should be done, because the idea of correcting a certain man is at the bottom.

I know that your colleagues must have said for you that "the lion has become a lamb." This is the remark from those persons who have not yet known the value of life and humanity.

You have written a peculiar sentence: "I feel hurt when other persons tell me your opinion about me." If you feel hurt, that is another way of giving me hurt. As far as I remember, I rightly appreciated you all along, to stimulate you, and supported you also.

I am doubting very much on your sentence that: "You do not believe in direct advice and this is disservice to some." I shall be happy if you clear this with instances, if any, so that I may correct myself for future. If it is my duty to correct you, it is your duty too to correct me.

You have written to me about your office difficulties. Only so much I will like to say that the policy adopted by the younger generation in the company will not give it the benefit as it desires. I feel the dark stars are shadowing the company. You are very much needed in the company for its survival.

Now, I want to open my heart before you very sincerely. Mistakes I will be committing and that is a human nature. But the thought of spiritual improvement is with you all.

When I was in Madras this time and in some other times also, I felt that Narayanswamy can easily be captured in groupism of the persons who see different dreams in the Mission. I also have an idea, may be right or wrong, that these things about the Ashram and so on, is the production of one man supported by a few others. We should try to correct them and that is the humanity. But if the poison accumulates in the body, Nature operates it for his good. It would have been far better if they would have given their opinion about the Ashram before me and I would have explained to them.

I forgot to ask you as to who else writes letters to you from here. Of course some letters are signed by Prakash "for Secretary" because God can be available easier than Mr. Raizada, the Joint Secretary.

You will be glad to hear that for about two months I am not having any pain in the stomach. Regulation in diet and medicine are going on. I am taking the medicine prescribed by Dr. Mehta of Madras, but my weight is reduced on account of the anxiety of the Ashram. If I remove this anxiety, the circumstances for the construction will not speed up.

I got Rs. 10,000/- from Mr. Mimani at Calcutta and Rs. 5,000/- from one of his relations.

Sharad is still not well. Plaster is there. Now x-ray will reveal the condition of the bone.

I wish bright success to Krishna.

Love to children.

Yours,
Ram Chandra

P.S.- I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the Working Committee of S.R.C.M., adopted in its meeting held on 8th February 1973 at Shahjahanpur.

I also enclose a copy of the photocopy of the notarised document of the Mission's registration in USA sent to me by Dr. Rajendrapal Singh.

R C

Madras
10th April 1973

My Beloved Master,

We had all gone out of Madras for the last eleven days, father to Guruvayoor in Kerela to attend the 61st birthday celebration of my aunt, and we to Madurai, Coimbatore and Guruvayoor too. Father returned yesterday, and we all came today in the afternoon. I was overjoyed to find two letters from you, one dated 25th March and the long letter dated 3rd April by registered post. Bahu is very happy to read what you have written about her experience. I note what you say about labouring for her. But several years ago Dr. Varadachari told me that no man can work on his own son or wife, and as an example he pointed out that while you had taken charge of the spiritual life of Chi. Narayana, you had requested him to take charge of Chi. Umesh as you would not be able to do it in his case yourself. Anyway I shall take greater personal effort in Bahu's spiritual development but I am sure that you will take her case personally.

I do not think you have been harsh upon me. If I have said so then I have definitely not expressed myself correctly. I want that you should be harsh if necessary. If I am entitled to your love I don't see how I can exclude necessary harshness and punishment when the need arises for these.

Regarding Ashram at H.Q. I am afraid that many are against the idea — not just a few as you have written. I do not know why your older associates cannot be frank with you. There is considerable criticism that an ashram at H.Q. will only be waste of money. More perturbing is the criticism that "interested" persons will utilise this opportunity to line their pockets. But unfortunately none of these critics come out openly with their criticism, but only voice their opinions as if it has come from someone else. There is no doubt that we need adequate space at H.Q. and it is very foolish of people to say that a place must be used all 365 days of the year. The pity is that everybody expects someone else to shoulder the burden, but no one is willing to take any responsibility upon their own shoulders. Critics are many but workers are few. This is the problem with our Mission today. However, we cannot be deterred from objectives laid down for Mission development, and I now welcome your idea to now proceed with the work of construction expeditiously. I am happy to read that two wagon loads of cement have been despatched. The foundation work should be completed before monsoon, so that it can settle nicely during the rains. The subsequent work may be taken up in September or so after the foundation has stabilised. I feel very much when people say, "What will happen to the ashram after Master is no more?" I am so very upset at this, because for me there can never be a time when you will not be with us, and for abhyasis to even think of this is like children planning on the division of property even before the time for it comes. When people ask this, I get tears in my eyes. How can I ever dream of a world without you? I agree that fear can never form the true basis for love. I have been warned that I should not be too close to you, that I should not speak too freely or frankly to you as you may become annoyed and punish me. But I cannot appreciate this idea of punishment for frankness, even if I am wrong, and I believe that those who are entrusted with the work of the Master and the Mission HAVE TO BE FRANK, otherwise they are only defrauding themselves and betraying the trust that has been reposed on them.

Master, what I wrote to you about approval of the Secretary etc. was only on the basis of my official experience. In our official life we are required to observe the various rituals of management scrupulously, and people are given charge of certain things or jobs, others are in charge of Finance and so on. In all cases the approval of concerned persons has to be recorded in writing. This is not for the prestige of the individual but to record, in documentary form, that set procedures laid down have been followed. I only suggested that in our work too this should be followed, particularly in respect of financial sanctions. No doubt your sanction has the highest value, but if papers are also sent to me, it would help me to keep myself fully informed. For instance I do not know even today what the proposed plans for construction are, nor what amount has been approved for expenditure. At the recent meeting of the new committee at Madras I found that not even the Joint Secretary had any **definite** ideas on this, nor was a copy of the approved plan available for the committee members to see. It appeared that none of the members were familiar with the plan or expenditure proposals. Naturally, the meeting ended without any work having been done. When a committee is composed of members drawn from all over India, and this very fact makes it difficult for more than one or two meetings to be held in a year, it is essential that advance data be circulated to all members so that when they meet, they can do so with full details available to them on what they are expected to discuss and decide or recommend upon. It would be foolish on my part to lay the blame for all this upon you. I also know the handicaps the H.Q. is working under. I am sorry that Brother Raizada does not feel called upon to perform his duty. What we need is a solid worker who can take on the General Secretaryship at Shahjahanpur itself — this is the real need of the Mission. I cannot function as I should from this distance. I do not know when we will find a person.

Another thing I am worried about is Mission accounts. During the recent Centenary celebrations I asked Brother Raizada why certain amounts shown in our annual accounts are so low. He replied that at present we are only showing Headquarters figures and that the amounts of centres are NOT INCLUDED. I am very worried about this. We have very definite obligations to the Income Tax department which we MUST fulfil entirely. Avoidance of Centres financial details may later be taken as concealed income and then the Mission will be liable to have its past assessment for seven years re-opened, and if a real case of concealment of income is made out, the Mission will be liable to severe penalties. I do not know how our auditors have been passing our accounts on this basis. This needs to be looked into by you very carefully, but without giving any publicity to it.

Regarding changing heads of certain centres I feel that it is preferable to discuss this personally with you.

Regarding direct advice, I do feel that you do not believe in this, but you always advise indirectly. I specifically refer to the case of my father, and his asking overseas abhyasis to address him as Master. In my father's presence I raised this question whether this is right. My father said he would abide by what you say. You only said that it does not matter! What happened? My father continued to do as before. Now when Luciana came, she remarked that my father had been deliberately misleading them that he was the Master, and remarked that she had lost all regard for him. If you had spoken out frankly when I brought this to your attention, and told my father that there can be only one master, and it is not he, he would have certainly understood, and obeyed you. I have also observed many times that when persons ask you whether they should follow your method, you are always shy of answering positively "Yes," but only say, "If you find any benefit with your present system, then you may continue with it. Otherwise you should change to another method, mine or something else, and try that!" I sincerely believe that this has turned several persons away from you and the method, because many have come to me later and asked, "If your Master says like this then how can I join your system? Why does he not say definitely what I should do?" I have explained to such persons that you feel delicate about this, and in fact this is the business of preceptors.

Regarding letters from Shahjahanpur, I only receive letters signed by you, or brother Shri Krishna Murari Saksena. Only once or twice have I received letters under the signature of brother Prakash. I have received letters from no one else.

Master, we are so very happy to hear that you are free from pain. May the Almighty make this a permanent thing. You must eat well and make up the deficiency in body weight.

By your Grace all of us here are well. Satsangh is going on at all centres we visited in the South. Some peculiar things are being taught to abhyasis by the newer preceptors, which we have endeavoured to correct when such things came to our notice.

Bahu and Chi. Krishna send you their love and pranams, Chi. Krishna appears to have done really well and is hopeful of a first class. The result will be published in the middle of May.

The cover for *Reality* is under print and will be despatched in one parcel by the end of next week. I shall also send one hundred copies of the *Centenary Souvenir* as asked for by Parcel train.

Love and Pranams at your Divine feet.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

My dear Parthasarathi,

I enclose a copy of my letter sent to Shri. R.Vira Raghavan, for your information.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. C/35/634/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
17th April 1973

My dear Vira Raghavan,

I came into the field openly from March 1945, when the order was given to me by my Rev. Master. I continued to serve the people with all love and affection and I do not know why I began to love South India more than the North and specially the people of Madras. After working for about twenty-eight years, a new experience came to my mind, which caused me to consider whether I am lacking in my effort or a few of them are not fit for such a higher teaching.

The relation between me and others is that of love, but if it is strangulated by the associates, the affection is divorced. Suggestions are good, but they have their value only when they are constructive and are given before the work, regarding which they are made, starts materialising. Later, they become useless.

Our associates were very happy when a Prayer Hall was constructed at Tirupati. A few other Ashrams were constructed, big and small, in so many other places. It encouraged me deeply because now we had a place where we could congregate and do good work and all our associates here and there were happy and appreciated the job done. Now the people here also started feeling badly the need for an Ashram at Shahjahanpur, because my house each day was falling short of accommodation for ever-increasing number of associates congregating for Utsava. The people have to sit in the open space extending even up to the gate, what to say of all the available roofed accommodation being heavily over-crowded. The accommodation at different places, which we arrange with great difficulty for the stay of the associates is mostly not comfortable. Chaultries are there, but at quite long distances. Chaultries situated nearby are occupied and as they also fall short, we have to arrange for accommodation in colleges and schools nearby. This is the position when only a fraction of the total number of associates attend. Moreover, at meditation time, it is in the fitness of things that all should gather at one place. Shahjahanpur has no such big place where all this arrangement could be done.

Considering over all these difficulties, a decision was taken by the Working Committee some years back that the Mission should have an Ashram of its own at Shahjahanpur. When this decision became known to the associates, they, from all over the country as also from abroad, donated for this specific purpose of constructing the Ashram at the specific place of Shahjahanpur. These donations are being made for the last so many years.

I may point out that a plan for this building was got prepared and that also a few years back. This plan was also known to practically most of the associates. None raised any objection, whatsoever, about this construction work.

Now, when we are practically in the process of construction of the building, I reliably understand that some voices have been raised, very lamentably, at Madras, of course, none coming out in the open against this. I am a little pained about it as they have chosen a time which is very late. So much ahead we have already gone in this matter that it is now practically impossible to retrace our steps. With what cheek and morals, we can face those donors of huge amounts who have donated for this specific purpose. Will it not be a breach of trust if we do not construct the building and that also according to the plan?

Can you advise me that I should cut short the expenditure on the construction of the proposed building? In that case, will you tell me to utilise the amount thus saved in some other work? Will it not be very objectionable?

I have taken pains to write so much in detail about this, because I want you to read this letter and explain the contents to the associates when they assemble for purposes of meditation in the general weekly satsanghs, so that any misunderstanding with anyone may be clarified in full.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Shri Parthasarathi also to be of assistance to you in removal of such misunderstandings in the associates.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
19th April 1973

Revered Master,

Along with this I am attaching Madras Centre accounts for the half year ended 31st March 1973, and in this letter I am providing some confidential information for your personal information.

As on date we have Rs. 1,35,000 in Fixed Deposit with Allahabad Bank out of which Rs. 35,000/- is for five years maturing in 1977. This amount represents the Life Subscription amount collected and will form a nucleus for further press development. As and when funds are needed the interest on this fixed deposit of Rs. 35,000/- can be diverted to Shahjahanpur by periodic remittance from here for press maintenance, if you so instruct.

The balance of Rs. 1,00,000/- is in Fixed Deposit there, out of which as per your instructions Rs. 50,000/- will be retained as a nucleus for Madras Centre ashram construction and the other Rs. 50,000/- is available for Shahjahanpur ashram construction whenever you need funds. We can transfer to you without disturbing Fixed Deposit because we have bank balance with the Allahabad Bank of nearly Rs. 30,000/-. Please treat this as confidential information.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
19th April 1973

Beloved Master,

I am sure that you have received my last long letter. I had written certain things only out of anxiety to explain my thoughts to you, and not as criticism of your policies or acts. I would like to tell you from the bottom of my heart that in my heart there is only you and nothing else. There are no doubts or other problems, and all that I have written in my last two letters is only from the worldly point of view, and for streamlining the Mission. I believe you know this to be true.

Chi. Neetu is well. He had been in hospital only for three days, and the minor operation was nothing to be perturbed about. We were all misled by Chi. Umesh who told us that the swelling was in the groin, whereas when we actually saw the child we found it was halfway down the thigh, and was clearly only a boil or abscess. It could have been treated very simply and effectively by father, but Chi. Umesh came to us only after the decision to hospitalise the child had been taken. Even at that stage he maintained that it was a tumour. Fortunately, it has all proved to be a very simple affair, though unnecessary money, about Rs. 350/- have been spent. I have one request to make. In future please do NOT send any money for Chi. Umesh without our approval. We are here to help in all ways, and even this time I had told Chi. Umesh that he could have as much as he needed. I do not know why he causes unnecessary worry, and makes demands on you. He was promoted last year (effective from 1st January 1973) to the 750 - 50 - 1350 scale, and his salary is now Rs. 750 in that scale. Apart from this, I think he will get an allowance of Rs. 100/- per month. Also he claims expenses incurred by him on his motorcycle. With all this there is no reason why he should ask for financial help from you. In future I think you should make him be self-dependent. His salary is by no standards a small one, and stray medical expenses should comfortably come out of his own earnings. I request you not to allow him to make unnecessary demands on you. You may send money if my father or I certify it as necessary. This is my suggestion. Chi. Sarvesh has come for a few days and will be leaving for Cuddapah. He appears to be in better health now, and more cheerful too.

There has been some delay in preparing the half-year statement of account for this centre. It is being sent with this letter. I have now been managing this centre's affairs for exactly seven years. I find it becoming more and more difficult to find the time for this work. It easily takes two hours per day on an average. It has all to be done entirely by myself, and I do not know how long I shall be able to manage like this. I may allot it to someone later if a proper person can be found.

Regarding the *Patrika*, I think you should seriously consider shifting our Press to Lucknow or Allahabad. There are persons who can ably manage the Press, and finding workers will also not be a problem. It is already nearing the end of April, and even the January issue is not in print. I do not think that the January issue can come out before June. I seriously request you to study the shifting to Lucknow or Allahabad. We will also get more job work in those places. The shifting will also not be very expensive as Lucknow is quite near Shahjahanpur.

My second suggestion is to make Shri Kashiramji as the Joint Secretary of the Mission with immediate effect. He can also be the treasurer concurrently. I do not think there is any point in carrying with a person who will not take his duties seriously and will not devote even one hour a day for it. Please consider this and decide.

Re: Shri Narayanaswamy. I agree with what you have written in your last letter. Nowadays he is vehement in his criticism of almost everything connected with the Mission. He has fallen into the habit of criticising preceptors for their work. He has no definite loyalty and I do not know what he will make of himself. I do not understand one thing. Whenever you come here, he becomes a changed man, and cuts himself away from all others. He goes to see you in a furtive manner, as if he is going to some place where he should not go. This I am unable to understand.

We are all going away for about fifteen days from the 24th of this month. We propose to spend a week at a hill station near Madurai called Kodaikanal, and then probably go to Ooty for another week. We shall be back in Madras positively by the 10th May.

By your Grace all are well. With Love,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

Reality at Dawn covers are ready and Shri B. Rajagopal of Virudhunagar will deliver them to Shri B.D. Mahajan at Delhi by 26th April. From there Delhi abhyasis must find a way of sending them to Shahjahanpur.

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22nd April 1973

Revered Master,

We have received your letter ref. C/35/634/SRCM dated 17th April regarding Headquarters Ashram construction. As desired by you this letter was read out to all the abhyasis present at the satsangh this morning. After the letter was read out, the abhyasis were asked for their opinion , and I am glad to report to you that one and all present have welcomed the idea of constructing Headquarters ashram and have requested you to go ahead with this as expeditiously as possible.

To our knowledge there has been no adverse criticism of this proposal in Madras. What the position is in respect of other Centres, of course, we are unable to say.

While the information given to you that there have been dissident voices against the proposal at Madras has no doubt pained you, we are yet proud that you have taken us into your confidence in such an open and frank manner and done us the honour of consulting us on this issue. On behalf of this Centre we wish to assure you of our devotion and permanent support to you in all your activity.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
R. Vira Raghavan

Madras
18th May 1973

Beloved Master,

I pray that you are in good health and that you are not fatiguing yourself with Ashram construction work. It must be very hot and dry and you **must** take adequate rest and care of your health. It is not good to lose weight, and you must take plenty of butter, cheese and milk to make up for the lost weight. I am sure Ashram work is going on well.

We had a good holiday at Kodaikanal for ten days, followed by some days at Madurai, and returned home on 11th. On 11th morning the results of the Matriculation examinations were published and by your Love and Grace Chi. Krishna has secured Ist class with 621 marks (73.5%). He has applied to the Vivekananda College for admission and has been called for interview on Monday 21st May. I am sure that by your Grace his selection will be announced immediately after the interview.

Chi. Umesh asked for advice regarding a job he says he is likely to get with the D.C.M. group in Gwalior. I had requested him to continue in his present service in Madras, taking the opportunity to complete the Chartered Accountants examination this year. He has agreed. Shri Reddy of Cuddappah came today and we are all happy to hear that Chi. Sarvesh has acclimatised himself to life in Cuddappah, and is progressing well.

Master, I had a dream early this morning at about 4 A.M. I am with a group of preceptors in an open place. An idea comes to me that some undesirable influence is being poured into my head by somebody blowing it with his mouth from far away — phoo, phoo. You come into that place and I tell you about this. You say, "Acha ab dekhen." ("OK, now see.") Then you blow with your mouth phoo, phoo, and the waves stop. After some time it begins again, but feebly. I tell you, you say, "Acha ab katam kar dete hain." ("OK, Now I'll finish it off.") You blow strongly "phoo," and it stops. Then I woke up. Kindly explain.

With prayers for your excellent health and eternal life.

Love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

22nd May 1973

Mr. Don Sabourin
Burnaby, B.C.
Canada.

My dear brother,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of May 18th from Delhi. I am delighted to note that our Revered Master has graced you with his love and transmission, and has permitted you to organise the Mission affairs in British Columbia district of Canada. Perhaps you are aware that the Mission has already been registered in the State of Ohio in the United States, and we are endeavouring to bring in the other States under a blanket registration under the Internal Revenue Service regulations of that country. The preceptors of the Mission in the various states of the United States have forwarded the necessary documentation to Mrs. Grace Kimball who has her residence at 18102 Clifton Road, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 (USA) who is in charge of Mission activity in the United States. Assuming that the procedure adopted by Mrs. Grace Kimball may be of use in your own approach to the Canadian Government, I would request you to address Mrs. Grace Kimball direct for such assistance and copies of documents as you may need to facilitate Mission registration in British Columbia.

As desired by you, I am attaching herewith a typed copy of our Mission Constitution and Bye-Laws which we would like you to adopt as a general framework for your own Constitution and Bye-laws which I presume you will have to draft. By a copy of this letter to Mrs. Grace Kimball I am requesting her to send you a copy of the U.S. draft already made by that good lady. We already have one or two abhyasis in Canada, the active one being Miss Christine Langstaff, 28 Glamorgan Drive S.W., Calgary 8, Alberta, Canada. I also have a friend, Mr. Jai K. Iyer at Apt. 308, 2235 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada, who used to be interested in the principles of our Mission and who is perhaps still continuing the meditation. Perhaps a contact with this gentleman may prove fruitful.

I would be obliged if you will kindly forward one copy of all documents that you prepare, to me here at Madras for our files. As you know Shahjahanpur Headquarters does not have the facilities to deal with organisational matters and therefore they are centralised here. Any documentation that has to be copied to Revered Master will have to be done by us at Madras. If we could be of any further services please let me know what details you need. Please also keep in touch with Mrs. Grace Kimball for such assistance which she may give based on her experience in the States.

With best wishes and praying for Master's blessings on you,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

Enclosure: as above.

Copy to Mrs. Grace Kimball, Ohio, U.S.A. — with a copy of the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission. Sorry for the delay.

Copy to Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

U.S. Organisation

1. Officers, their Election and Duties:

The officers of this organisation shall be a President, a Vice President, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Director-Treasurer. All officers will be elected by the Incorporators at a meeting called for such purpose. These elected officers shall hold office until the first annual meeting of officers and trustees, at which time, and at subsequent annual meetings, that elected body shall have voting privileges and elect their own officers and trustees. Each officer shall be a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

2. Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the officers of the organisation and persons elected from the membership by the Incorporators. There shall be no more than twenty members of the Board of Trustees. At the first annual meeting, and subsequently, the Board of Trustees shall elect their own officers and trustees who shall hold office for a period of three years, unless re-elected. The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for directing and managing the program of the organisation. The Director of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission shall be responsible for carrying out the management and program of the organisation.

3. Finance:

No finance will ordinarily be transferable out of the USA except for purchase of books and other material from the Indian organisation.

At present the officers and trustees of Shri Ram Chandra Mission as incorporated in the State of Ohio, United States, are:

President	Shri Ram Chandra
Vice President	Esther M. Hills
General Secretary	P. Rajagopalachari
Recording Secretary	Pauline Schmid
Director-Treasurer	Grace Kimball.

Trustees:

Chairman, Shri Ram Chandra

S. Chiranjeevi, residing in Corsicana, Texas

Caroline S. Miller, Stonington, Connecticut

Charlotte O'Brien
Tigger Outlaw
S. S. Ramakrishnan
Dr. R.P. Singh, Washington
Fred Weinstock, Pennsylvania

4. The Shri Ram Chandra Mission proposes to join the spiritual community by forming a church or religious organisation. Any person wishing to follow the tenets of Sahaj Marg, an Indian philosophy of Raja Yoga may join. Sahaj Marg is a spiritual path leading to the Ultimate Reality of Life under the guidance of the living guru or teacher, Sri Ram Chandra of Shahjahanpur, U.P. India. It is not expected that any large funds will be amassed since there are no dues and there is no proselytising. Contributions are not to be encouraged, but will be accepted if any person feels that he has found the path to God, experiencing the calming effect of the system. The Mission is incorporated in Ohio as a non-profit organisation.

The purpose and activity of the Shri Ram Chandra Mission shall be:

To provide meditation, discussion, research in the field of yoga under the system of Sahaj Marg.

To provide books and other materials from the Shri Ram Chandra Mission in India, for the practice of Sahaj Marg.

To provide funds for exchanges of teachers and information with branches of the Indian Corporation of Shri Ram Chandra Mission in Europe and Asia.

(The above is a draft outline of the documentation in the United States for your guidance.)

No. C-862/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
24th May 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am replying your letters dated 19th April and 18th May with much delay.

Ashram construction work is going on. Mr. R.K. Gupta, Assistant Engineer, Northern Railway, Allahabad, is attending to the construction work. He is on leave here for three weeks for this very purpose. Columns he wants to fill up in his presence. But in Shahjahanpur things are not available. We are trying to get them somehow. Even good masons are not available, and it delays the work. I am getting really the Divine help in all the works. The difficulties, if they come, are sure signs of success.

We are hoping good help from Mr. Mimani of Calcutta and he has promised for it also. He has been here with two of his relations and wife for a week. He with his wife has now gone to Kashmir for seven days.

Really I want to be away from the anxieties, but if I remove these things, as I think, success will be lingering.

I was also expecting I Class for Krishna. Now he deserves rewards for his success, which he will get just to encourage him.

The Government work of elections is over and one compositor has returned. I require one more in the press. If I send the press to Lucknow or Allahabad, the result will be, as I think, that we will have to sell the press for the expenses will be double. We will have to hire a room at least, a watchman and a controlling hand also.

Now about your difficulties in the work. You will have to engage a man for the work as you cannot pull on without it. I shall write very beautifully to Narayanswamy, but these days I am so deeply pressed with the work that sometimes I feel that I cannot think well.

Associates are coming and they should come. A Swedish boy is also staying with me who was a disciple of Mahesh Yogi. Whoever comes here, I try to make him strong, specially those from the West, from whom I want to take work.

I advised Umesh to become Chartered Accountant first and then to think further.

Joint Secretary, Shri J.R.K. Raizada, had only met me at Madras. He has become from bad to worse. I shall wait for some other man in his place, who must be English knowing and may understand the work of the Mission. If I think of Kashi Ram to be appointed in his place, it will not serve the purpose. Moreover, he is also a very busy man. Sometimes Prakash helps in dealing with ordinary letters, but he requires training.

The dream is peculiar, but not of much value. I shall interpret it in this way: There may be some man/men who may be thinking of you adversely, and the impressions appeared by way of dream, so that they may be removed, and I helped you in the dream.

It has become my habit that I sometimes talk indirectly and my Master also used to do the same by way of consideration (*muravvat*) that it may not offend him. Regarding your father, when he wanted others to call him as Master, I took it very lightly, and thought it to be not very important thing. Now, the consequences proved that I should not do so.

My condition has become like that of a child who laughs and weeps without any cause, hears without ears and talks without tongue.

I missed to send you the copies of letters sent by Toni of Rome, which are enclosed herewith. I also received the same. She had directed me to send these copies to you.

I have not heard anything about Bahu and this time I am thinking of her very much.

With blessings to all of you and patting to Krishna for his success,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S.- I have not received the covers as yet. Shri Krishna Murari has resigned from post. He has opened the shorthand and type school and there he can get more money than what you pay him. Another man is taking charge of the office.

24th May 1973

Revered Master,

I have just received a personal letter from brother, Shri Krishna Murari Saksena that he has resigned from paid service of the Mission. The reason quoted is that since spiritual brothers must be equal, paid service cannot be indulged in as this makes one a master and another a servant. I am not able to accept or understand this reason for his resignation. Perhaps there are other reasons.

One view I have held for quite some time is that the spiritual work of the Mission should be separated from the organisational side, and in fact I have spoken on this several times to Dr. Varadachari in the past, also to Sister Kasturi and perhaps to you also. It is essential that people who work for the Mission in a whole time position be paid for it. As the Mission expands and its activities grow, a time will surely come when the Mission may have to employ people to conduct its affairs who may not even subscribe to the ideals or the teaching of the Mission. This must be borne in mind by all those concerned with the affairs of the Mission, if the Mission is to grow up in an oriented and directed way. I trust you are well and that construction work is proceeding satisfactorily.

Pranams,

Affectionately yours,
Parthasarathi

No. CB/120/72-73

Shahjahanpur
28th May 1973

The Manager,
Allahabad Bank City Office,
Shahjahanpur.

Subject :- Transfer through Bank

Dear Sir,

Kindly transfer a sum of Rs. 750/- (Rs. seven hundred fifty only) to the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission with the Allahabad Bank at Madras and debit the amount in the General Fund account (S.B. Account No. 365/3) of Shri Ram Chandra Mission with you. Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, General Secretary of S.R.C.M., 11/E North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras 600018, with the remark that this amount being transferred related to the Life Subscription of Magazine received from the following:

1. Shri Ganga Dass Bhattar, Calcutta
2. Shri Bhagwan Dass Bhattar, Calcutta

3. Shri Raman Lal Bhattar, Calcutta
c/o Shri R.L. Mimani, preceptor Calcutta centre.

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

No. C-894/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
30th May 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 24th May 1973. There is nothing to reply as things are happening as we grow.

Your idea about the spiritual work and organisation as separate entity is nice, but I am so sluggish in these matters that I have no view of any such things when I am not in me. I think this thing prevails all the time. Really we are when we are not. So I have prepared a valuable gem in the Mission, it is you, for the work necessary.

I have written a short letter to Narayanswamy, which, I think, is enough for the present. Watch the reaction. Copy of the letter is enclosed.

Ashram building is going on under the care of Mr. R. K. Gupta, engineer. Difficulties are coming in the way no doubt, but they are being overcome.

Love to children.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. C-895/SRCM **30th May 1973**

My dear Narayanswamy,

I do not know why I feel so happy when you are before me. When you laugh I feel that you are expressing yourself to convince me that you belong to the Mission, so I laugh at your laugh.

I believe you already know that you have wasted a good deal of your time and I presume that I have made up the loss of your time. May I expect you to rise up to the occasion which the work demands?

God is love, as the people say, but love is not God.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

NOT ON THE ORIGINAL:

Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, Madras, for his information.

Camp Madurai
1st June 1973

Beloved Master,

I received your letter C/862, dated 24th May, two days back here at Madurai, and we are very happy to hear you are well. Bari Bahu, Chi. Krishna and I have been here for one week now and we may be here for some more days. Our paper mill at Bhavanisagar, near Coimbatore, has been closed for a month now with workers on strike. All our efforts for a fair and reasonable wage agreement with the Unions broke down, since the Communist Union was only intent on breaking the negotiations at every stage. We had to declare lock-out at 2 P.M. on 30th May. Since then labour trouble has intensified and our labour officer and other staff are under *gherao*. Police help has been provided and I hope situation will improve today. Because of this I am staying in Madurai, to be more accessible for consultations for future negotiations. My father has remained at Madras. My youngest brother and his family have come to Madras from Bombay — so he is not alone.

Chi. Krishna has gained admission into the PUC class (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry group) of the Vivekananda College without any difficulty. I am grateful to you for showering your Grace on him. He completed 16 years of age on 28th May. If you think it is appropriate he may begin meditation. Please let me have your advice. His mother is well.

I am happy to note that you have a good engineer to supervise the construction of the Ashram. Before monsoon sets in, if the foundation and column work is completed, it will set well.

I have noted what you write re: Press. I don't think it will be expensive. Even if it is, I think it is better to shift it and run it on business lines. We have 125 life subscribers, and over one thousand regular subscribers and they are entitled to expect regular issues of the Mission magazine when they have paid for it. We are paying for compositors etc. already, only space will have to be rented. In a big city the Press will get more work and be kept fully employed. It will earn enough to support it. I request you to consider this carefully. In Shahjahanpur it will be a permanent headache. Even when the Ashram is ready with space for the Press, who will run it? Workers will always be scarce, and I don't see how the Press is going to run any more efficiently in the future than it has in the past. If space (rented space) is a problem, we could also think of Raichur where we have Mission premises available, and where Shri Raghavendra Raoji and brother Sarnad can all help in running it well. No issue of *Patrika* for 1973 has so far been issued and abhyasi brothers are repeatedly asking about it. So far three issues should have been released.

My headaches are milder but more frequent now — almost every week. Last two days I have had a very severe attack such as I have not had for nearly one year. I feel I am improving, though very slowly. But mostly it is bearable.

Satsangh is going on well and regularly here at Madurai, and also at Trichy and Salem. In Madras the Sunday satsangh is generally well attended. But I find in Madras people are more interested in discussing personalities, jealousy, etc., and few are interested in spirituality for its own sake. We are continuing to look for a suitable plot of land for the Mission ashram at Madras.

Mrs. Kimball is doing good work in the U.S.A. I had a letter from a new Canadian abhyasi who you have authorised to register the Mission. Is he a preceptor? Whenever new persons are permitted for work, their name with date of permission may please be intimated to me for my records.

Since the Centenary celebrations I find many abhyasis are reporting having darshan of Pujya Lalaji Saheb in their meditation sittings — whether alone or in group. Please comment on this.

Bahu and Chi. Krishna convey their Pranams and Love.

Yours affectionately
Parthasarathi

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

No. C-957/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
24th June 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I hope all of you will be doing well and you must have returned from Madurai to Madras by now. I had received a letter from Chi. Krishna that he has been admitted in Swami Vivekananda college, and I am very happy for it.

Sarvesh is working in Cuddapah in the factory of Shri R. Ramchandra Reddy. His factory is running at a loss. So Sarvesh wanted to work there and learn the work of the paints without pay. He has now learnt the work of paints, but he did not like to accept pay on account of the loss in the factory. Yet Mr. Reddy compelled him to accept it. Sarvesh now writes that since the factory is running at loss he does not like to be a burden on him and wants to come back to Shahjahanpur to try his luck here. I have also learnt that M/s T.T.K. Company also wants to start the same factory at Madras.

Since you are experienced, please tell me what shall I do under the circumstances. For the time being I am calling Sarvesh to Shahjahanpur on leave for one and a half months. Throughout his career Sarvesh has been pulling hard. May his condition improve and you please pray for him.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

2nd July 1973

Dr. R.P. Singh
3501 Toledo Terrace, Apt. B.1
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783
USA

Dear brother,

You are surely aware that Mrs. Grace Kimball has been doing a lot of paper and leg work in trying to get the Mission registered in the State of Ohio and things have assumed final shape. Her final submission of return to the IRS is hampered by not receiving any definite information from you as to whether you have any opening balance in the Mission account.

I would be very grateful if you will kindly write to her immediately and confirm whether you have any balance. If not, please file a nil balance letter to her. Kindly treat this letter as very urgent as lack of letter from you is delaying filing of returns to the IRS.

I was sorry to hear from her that Dr. Annichiarico has had some mental difficulties and has dropped Sahaj Marg meditation altogether. Last July when I sent him the certificate of preceptorship it was not acknowledged. A second reminder also failed to elicit any response. I have been assuming that you are in contact with him but apparently this has not been so. One young abhyasi of the Mission, Steven, who spent some time with Master, seems to have called on Dr. Annichiarico in New Jersey and the foregoing information is from him. I shall be obliged and grateful if you will kindly find out how matters lie, very tactfully and let me know. It would also be advantageous to Dr. Annichiarico if he would write a personal letter to Master setting out his difficulties. Master would surely help and set right things. Please persuade him to do so.

I am still awaiting the book which you kindly procured for me a year ago. I would request you to send the same by airmail and naturally I will bear the cost both of the book and the transportation.

With best wishes to Sister and the children, and love to all of you,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master
cc. Mrs. Grace Kimball.

2nd July 1973

Mrs. Grace Kimball
18102 Clifton Road
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
U.S.A.

Dear Grace,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 19th June. I am glad that you liked *India in the West* which you were able to read. Ten copies have been sent to you and I refer to my letter of the 12th June in this connection. No money need be sent. I am sure Steven will start work and will help in organising the group in Lakewood and Cleveland.

The copy of the Code or bye-laws you have enclosed may be taken as approved and you may kindly go ahead with the finalisation of all formalities. I am writing today to Dr. Singh and a copy is enclosed for you. Please thank Polly for all the help that she has been giving. Lawrie, who spent a lot of time with Master in Denmark and who accompanied him to Italy and stayed with him right up to the departure to India, appears to be very enthusiastic and truly interested in our method of meditation and Mission organisation. I think she will prove very useful and a visit by you and Steven to Cortland will surely energise and enthuse her for future work. It is good that you are planning to go to Stonington also. I am sure your visit will put pep in Carol in doing something well for the Mission. During my visit I fond Toni to be quite interested in our meditation, and from the small talk he gave to introduce Babuji to the audience, it was apparent he had grasped our system even within the few days that Master was there. He is introspective and quite well read and if he would take some interest in this, I am sure he can do good work when he goes on to Santa Fe. Carola also displayed very considerable affection and regard for Master and his work and should prove very very useful there even though she adopts a superficial attitude of nonchalance. I am glad to hear that Steven is preparing a stained glass window for our ashram at Shahjahanpur, though bringing it over to India will be a problem.

Dr. Annichiarico has been a very good friend of Dr. Singh for the last eight years and he appeared tremendously moved by Master's public appearance and utterances in New York. He later on came to Hyattsville and spent three days with Master, and that Master was also very impressed by him is surely proven by the fact that he has been made a preceptor. Since we had run out of certificates, I sent one from Madras immediately I got back to India, to his New Jersey address, but unfortunately there was no reply. A subsequent letter by me also did not elicit a reply. I assumed Dr. Singh would be in touch with him and keep him on his work. I am rather surprised to hear from you now that he has been having some problems and that he has dropped Sahaj Marg meditation. I hope he will get out of his temporary lapse out of the system and I am requesting Singh to see him if possible and talk to him.

You are quite right regarding Debbie. People who have been used to concentration usually have the struggle of pain in the eyes or in the head but when they are taught to relax such pains disappear. Please ask her not to focus the eyes internally because this is a common activity that brings all strain. Glad to hear that Tigger finally wrote to you. I have no information about Charlotte O'Brien. Perhaps she is out of the country. Ramakrishnan did write to me some time in March to say that he expects to be here for a short holiday in India but I have no further news.

All are well here. Master writes to say that he is busy with the construction of the ashram and from all indications he will stay put in Shahjahanpur until the construction is over. I am hoping to visit Shahjahanpur either at the end of July or early August for a few days stay.

With best wishes and love to all,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Master, Shahjahanpur.

Madras
3rd July 1973

Revered Master,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 24th June regarding Chi. Sarvesh. He should not worry about whether his employer is making money or not. This should be the employer's worry. Of course they are not very active in Cuddapah and perhaps his stay with them will not be really educative unless they come to full activity. Anyway I have asked him to come to Madras and he will be leaving with Bahu on 8th for Lucknow and after leaving her at her parents' home, will come to Shahjahanpur for a holiday. When he returns to Madras, say, by middle of September we will try to fix him as an apprentice in some really large paint company where he can really learn paint manufacturing in all its aspects. There is no need for him to worry or to lose heart.

Regarding our own venture, actually a lot of machines have come from Cuddappah about a year ago but for various reasons we have not been able to take a decision on this project. I do not know whether it will come up at all now.

Brother Prakash has asked me to issue a circular to all centres to raise funds for ashram building. Please confirm whether it has to be done or not. Also I have written to you in one of my earlier letters that we can transfer amounts from here to you. Please let me know when you require and how much you require to be transferred. We shall arrange accordingly.

All are well at home. I wonder how far the ashram construction has come. If the foundation is completed, the best thing would be to leave it throughout the monsoon to settle down well and recommence construction of superstructure in October. In that case perhaps you can make a short visit to Madras. Please consider.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
19th July 1973

Beloved Master,

I had written a detailed letter to you some time back about financial matters and had asked for your instructions about transfer of funds from Madras centre to Headquarters. I am yet to receive a reply to that letter. In the meantime I have received a letter from Kasturi Jijji asking me to make immediate "arrangements" for building funds. I do not know exactly what is wanted of me, and in any case in matters of finance I shall not act without direct instruction from you. I shall be happy if you will kindly advise me at your earliest convenience with your specific instructions as to transfer of funds from here. Do you want a circular to be issued to all the centres?

We are all glad to hear that Ashram construction is going on — though we do get surprisingly variant reports, one even stating that prayer hall had been finished! I shall be grateful if Brother Prakash can send me a fortnightly report on the state of affairs. Perhaps he can also include a statement of accounts for the money spent each month on Ashram construction giving broad details of expenses like materials, labour, transport etc. Kindly advise him suitably in the matter.

I have been unwell for the last eleven days. First it was like flu, and I was in bed for five days. Then I attended office for two days and then I was down with high fever again till yesterday. Today I am normal, and I hope to attend office from to-morrow. Otherwise all are well. My boss, Mr. T.T. Narasimhan, has been in hospital for the last fifteen days with some heart trouble. We lost the Cadbury agency last month end resulting in a loss of turnover of 2.5 *crores* per annum, and a loss in income of about 15 *lakhs* per annum. Perhaps this led to his heart trouble. He will have to be in bed for at least sixty days, and then he has been forbidden to attend business for four or five months after that. This means that he will not come to office till January 1974 in any case. It will not be a surprise if he decides to retire from business altogether. This is for your information. Under these circumstances I do not know what to do about Chi. Sarvesh. All our plans will now be delayed or postponed until my boss is well to attend them — including the paint project that we were planning. Anyway I shall try my best to find something for him. We can always manage to put him in some large paint factory for further training. Please do not worry about this.

Regarding my condition I request you to let me know how I am progressing. I feel that it is going on all right and I feel well-being and calmness in the base. My father is again straining himself with his stamp collection which he is getting ready for an international exhibition in Delhi in November. He wants to go and stay alone in Delhi for that month, and I am worried how to permit him to stay alone for that length of time, probably in a hotel. Perhaps you will kindly advise him. Sometimes I feel that there is no such thing as time or motion, because I feel that life is hardly moving at all. Sow. Sulochana was thinking of you and weeping for almost a whole day last week.

She is having a lot of pain in the foot particularly in the heel and is under treatment. Love to all and Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

URGENT

No. C-1079/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
31st July 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I received your letter containing four advertisements for further printing. I am so sorry to write you that I have misplaced it and could not be found. I shall be grateful if you send the copy of it immediately, because the Magazine is under print.

The Ashram building has come up to the door level. I was told by the architect, who prepared the plan that it would cost you utmost 120 thousands and he has prepared such a costly plan that it can not be completed within three lakhs. I am in a fix now what to do. Since construction work of the Ashram started I got a good sum, but it was almost all spent. I shall require some money also from Madras, and please send it when I write to you. Here also I am arranging money.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
7th August 1973

Beloved Master,

I hope you are well and that Ashram work is going on smoothly. I have no news of you for a long time now. I have been away from Madras for about ten days now. I will return to Madras tomorrow. Perhaps a letter from you will be waiting for me. I hope so. I hope all are well and that Chi. Sarvesh is enjoying his stay with you. I shall try my best for him. Bahu and Chi. Neetu must have come for your Blessings. I hope they are all well.

Our centre in Bhavanisagar is slowly growing. We have nearly thirty abhyasis now. Last week when I was there seven new members have started our puja. They are all agriculturists living in nearby villages, totally unconnected with our paper mill. So the Master's message is spreading in those areas.

In Coimbatore, Shri Sukaswami, father of Chi. S.S. Ramakrishnan of Troy, USA, has taken interest. The whole family are meditating regularly, that is, Shri Sukaswami, his wife, her sister, four daughters, all of them. Chi. Ramakrishnan is on a short holiday in India and has interested several people locally. Some have commenced our puja. In due course, on my next visit, I wish to ask Shri Sukaswami if he will work for you. If he agrees perhaps you will agree to grant provisional permission so that a centre can be established in Coimbatore.

Chi. S.S. Ramakrishnan will be leaving Delhi on 17th August (Friday) by Buxar Express and will come to Shahjahanpur the same evening for your Darshan and Blessings. He will leave Shahjahanpur on Saturday midnight (technically Sunday 19th morning) by Lucknow Mail to go back to Delhi to fly on Sunday night to the USA. He will write to you direct about his programme. He will require return ticket for Delhi journey. III class sleeper ticket may please be arranged. I am well. Last month one of our company drivers gave me a copper bangle to wear — ever since then my headache is much reduced both in frequency and intensity. In last one month the old dream about latrine has returned twice — but no fear. Spiritually I feel closer and closer to you every day. Father, Bari Bahu and Chi. Krishna are all well. Chi. Krishna has grown very tall, more than me, and is doing well.

I met Pujya Brother Doreswami Iyer at Trichy where he was camping, and again here two or three times. He will come this evening to our guest house to conduct group Satsangh. In Bangalore they have secured land for ashram construction. The condition is that building must be put up within two years. I wrote to him that policy is that H.O. Ashram must be completed before any new Ashram work at centres can be taken up. But Bro. Doreswami Iyer is afraid we may lose the land assignment. I propose that an expenditure of Rs. 10,000/- may be sanctioned in 1974 to put up a small structure of about 500 square feet or so which can later be enlarged to full plan size. The money will have to be collected by the Bangalore centre itself. If you approve, this decision can be communicated officially to Bangalore centre. Please let me have your approval.

I shall start work on your autobiography soon, and take up printing in October. Now power cut has been completely removed and so presses are working normally.

I shall write from Madras again.

With Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

List of new members at Bhavanisagar

Commenced puja on 24th June 1973:

1. Shri A. Fazlul Huq
2. Shri P. Amirthalingam
3. Shri S. Gopalakrishnan
4. Shri Lakshmanan
5. Shri B. Ramachandran

Commenced puja on 5th August:

6. Shri V. Ramaswamy Gowder
7. Shri S. Somappa Gowder
8. Shri B. Nanjunda Gowder
9. Shri Raju Gowder
10. Shri C. Nanjunda Gowder
11. Shri E.N. Ravi
12. Shri P.S. Sivanappan
13. Shri K. Gopalakrishnan

List of new Members at Virudhunagar

Commenced puja on 31st July 1973:

1. Mr. D. Rangarajan
2. Mr. K.R. Venkataraman

Satsangh is being conducted regularly at all centres.

Parthasarathi

Madras
16th August 1973

Beloved Master,

Hope you are well. We are all happy to note that Ashram construction is going on well. In Madras centre we have started another collection drive for donations. All are well here by your Love and Grace. Jijji had written that Mrs. Birthe Haugaard and some six or seven other Danes will be coming to have your darshan in September. Is this confirmed?

I feel depressed at not being able to meet you. Chi. Umesh has taken leave and will go to Shahjahanpur from here on 22nd September. I understand that Chi. Sarvesh is returning to Cuddapah in a week's time.

Chi. S.S. Ramakrishnan of Troy USA is leaving this evening for Delhi by air and will be with you tomorrow evening for twenty-four hours stay. I shall speak to his father this evening regarding opening of the centre at Coimbatore. If he agrees to take up the work I shall write to you.

In the inner life of myself you are ever present. How to bring you in the outer too? Is there a way? Please advise me.

I seek your approval for Bangalore centre expense of Rs. 10,000/- for their Centre building construction. Kindly reply in detail.

Affectionately and with Pranams.

Yours,
Parthasarathi

PRIVATE

No. C-1147/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
16th August 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 19th July 1973. I had written to you in some of my previous letters that you send money when I demand. I am also getting money from the abhyasis and that I am spending. I got 38 thousand from Calcutta through Mr. Mimani. This night Mr. Patel of Assam is coming with some money. I do not know to which extent. In spite of all that I have got 60 thousand in the bank for building. Let us see afterwards how much I require from you. I have given hints to different centres about the financial stringency in indirect way. At present I do not want to issue any circular. In far South I have written to Capt. Ramaswamy of Trichinapalli only. I was not expecting that it will be such a costly building. I was told by the architect that it would cost one lakh and twenty thousand and that I have already spent. God has created sources and due to that I got permit for iron and cement and saved several thousand. One of my fixed deposit of twenty thousand has matured. I shall take that money towards building. Another fixed deposit of 40 thousand I shall keep for the journey for West if I could save. Materials have all been purchased and I only require wood for shuttering. Vibrator was necessary because engineer said as an essential item and hence the building was delayed. Luckily Shri Devram H. Chavda Bhai of Navsari came to me. When he saw this difficulty he went back and brought it. This difficulty has also been removed. I have reasons to believe that Nature is helping me with both hands, and there is a miracle of the Master that the cement in the *godown* was totally saved by the effect of rains. It rained, but the wind was so furious that it carried away the water with it leaving out the godown *in toto*, otherwise I would have lost twenty-one thousand tins and asbestos sheets blown out of the godown. Now it is quite safe.

You might have remembered my foretelling that he will have heart attack. I found those symptoms when I transmitted but I did not dare to tell him. If you say I am helping a little. The time is in plenty but... you know already with reference to my condition in the West. Of course anxiety about the prayer hall is there and it is natural. I hope that within ten days or earlier you will feel that you have not been ill at all.

You have asked me about your spiritual condition. I wanted to write two months before but I did not write because I was waiting for the result of the condition. It took me a month to understand it. It has now begun to display and is vivid before my eyes. The time I remember, date I forgot. The time was 06:20 P.M. I remember the words of the Master which I translated. Such condition is not your work but of Him who bestowed it. You remember that I gave you transmission for a few seconds in the airport somewhere in the West. It is the result of that transmission although it is all Divine work and it is working already but the course is not yet complete.

Sarvesh is starting for Madras from Delhi on 21st of August. He will work in the factory of Mr. Reddy till he gets another better job by your attempts. Mr. Reddy has called him also and he is coming here on 5th September along with Mr. Raghavendra Rao with two or three more associates.

Mr. Mimani is also coming on 20th of August for his work here. He has purchased a land near our Ashram building for oil mill. Would you please write to me a line as early as possible whether Bahu is suffering pain in the right foot or in the left or in both.

The pain of the back of Umesh is not subsiding. He is going to Delhi for the treatment in Research Institute. He cannot lie on the cot but in easy chair on account of pain. It is of course a worry to me. May he be cured.

I have written a letter to your father also. You can read it and give it to him. I think it covers everything and I was also very plain in the last sentence. Please see its reaction and then write to me.

You have given a few advertisements. I am sorry that those are misplaced. I had to demand it again urgently because *Patrika* is under press. I think that you did not get that letter. Please send it earlier now with details if any.

I got 25 thousand from Assam as given below:

1. Shri Dayabhai Patel	10,000/-
2. Shri Raghubir Pd.	11,000/-
3. Mrs. Raghubir Pd.	4,000/-
Total	25,000/-

With blessings to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

PHONOGRAM **21st August 1973**

To: Sahaj Marg Shahjahanpur (U.P.) 242001

RAKO OF MADAGASCAR ARRIVING SHAHJAHANPUR BUXAR EXPRESS WEDNESDAY TWENTY SECOND EVENING.

PARTHASARATHI

Madras
7th September 1973

My Beloved Master,

I received your letter of 16th August and also handed over to my father the letter you had enclosed for him. All are well here at home. I could not write earlier as I had to go on tour.

I am very happy to inform you that I shall reach Calcutta on 15th evening and will meet you on arrival at Calcutta on 16th. Shri Mimaniji wrote to me that your programme is confirmed, and I am availing of this opportunity to be with you for some time again.

My father seems to be undisturbed by your letter. He is now planning to go to Switzerland in 1974 for a big stamp exhibition to be held there. He has applied for passport also. Of course he will write to you and say that he wants to go for Mission work in Europe — I cannot understand his obsession with this stamp hobby at his age — and his avidity for getting prizes. You alone can change him.

Chi. Sarvesh will go to Cuddapah on 10th September and will stay there till I can make some other arrangement for him. My company have abandoned the idea of putting up a paint factory at Madras. I have to try elsewhere. Language is a barrier in the South, and Chi. Sarvesh has not picked up anything yet, so I will try in the North also now. Please do not worry about this.

Chi. Umesh will be leaving for Delhi on 15th September. His plans are finalised and leave has also been sanctioned. I think his health is somewhat better now.

Regarding your 1974 European tour, I am going to accompany you, that is certain. But I cannot get more than four weeks leave, maybe maximum six weeks. Since you have already decided to omit USA, six weeks will amply suffice. Last tour of UK and Europe was only six weeks. Sister Kasturiji has written to me of her keenness to go to Europe but I would strongly advise against taking her on a long tour involving long air journeys. I am quite worried about her idea in this regard. Also, if she accompanies you, then at least two other persons will be needed to attend to all that is necessary. If you have at all any idea of taking Sister Kasturi along, I hope you will give the matter your deepest consideration before deciding.

The best time to go will be April/May 1974. I shall discuss this more in detail at Calcutta.

Mrs. Grace Kimball has done very good work and I recommend her to you for higher approach.

I am glad to hear that ashram work is going on well. By Master's Grace the next Basant Utsav will be held there.

I look forward very eagerly to be with you again.

With Love,

Yours affectionately
Parthasarathi

No. C-1295 SRCM SJN **Shahjahanpur**
9th September 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am now of opinion that the circular letter may be issued to all the preceptors-in-charge of the centres. The difficulties are removed also but next day they are present again and this is continuing. I also wrote a letter to Capt. Ramaswamy, and probably I have informed you also. I do not know whether he had got that letter or not because there is no reply for or against. I am sending you a copy of the letter sent to Capt. Ramaswamy to help you a little in drafting a general circular letter which may please be issued by you. I received some money from certain important districts of South.

I am going to Calcutta and Assam on 15th September along with Shri Kashi Ram and Kasturi, all air journey on account of shortage of time. I shall be here by 25th.

With best wishes.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Enclosure: 1

P.S. Regarding your spiritual condition, you understand it better. The process of evolution is going on in natural way. Really, I scattered Gems in the West and you collected them.

I believe you have received this office letter No. G-1254 of 3rd September 1973 concerning account of construction of building here.

R C

Madras
13th September 1973

Revered Master,

I have just received your letter ref. C-1295 dated 9th September, and have taken immediate action in circulating appeal for funds to all centres. One copy is attached herewith for your information.

I know from Trichy abhyasis who have come here recently that your letter to Capt. Ramaswamy was received by him but it would appear that no action was taken by him on this matter. In fact reports indicate that he has practically dissociated himself from all Mission activity.

I hope you have received my previous letter and I am looking forward eagerly to meeting you at Calcutta.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P. Rajagopalachari
Madras
24th September 1973

Mr. David A. Bolevice
Box 146D R.D.2
Greenville N.Y. 12083
U.S.A.

Dear David,

Thank you for your kind letter of September 17th. I am asking Shahjahanpur to withhold despatch of your books as it will take up to twelve to sixteen weeks for arrival in the United States. As suggested by you, you could collect the books on arrival at Shahjahanpur. Any time is suitable for your visit, but I would suggest a visit in November as climatically November/December are the best times when it is neither cold nor not. In fact November/December in Shahjahanpur will be very much like April in your country, i.e., spring. Light woollens would suffice. Please ensure that you bring a sleeping bag with you as this is essential. You may therefore stick to your programme of arriving in Delhi on November 17th, stay a few days there, and then go to Shahjahanpur.

Yes, Ramakrishnan has spoken to me about making you a preceptor and this can be done provided Master agrees after having a look at you. If you want any more advice or suggestions, please write to me.

With affectionate regards,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

No. C-1401/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
28th September 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I received a letter from Mr. Joshi of Delhi that Birthe along with nine other abhyasis are coming here on 9th October in the morning.

The Government of India have issued an order to this Mission a copy of which is being sent to you for your perusal and file. I am issuing the translation of this order to the preceptors of the West. Those who have started they will not receive this order. I received a letter from Mr. K.C. Narayana of Hyderabad which shows that he is interested in the Mission. Spencer is coming in October and her mother in the month of January or February 1974.

With best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Shahjahanpur
8th October 1973

To:
The Manager,
Allahabad Bank City Office,
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

A sum of Rs. 250/- (Rs. Two hundred and fifty) only from our General Fund Savings Bank Account No. 376/3 may please be transferred to Allahabad Bank of Madras for crediting it in the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur, U.P., branch at Madras.

Yours faithfully,
Ram Chandra
President

Copy forwarded to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 11/E North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras, in reference to his letter dated 25th September 1973, for information and necessary action. This amount relates to life subscriber Shri Bhaskar Ravindra Babu, Sawer whose card No. is B-06-127.

Ram Chandra
President

Madras
9th October 1973

Revered Master,

I have received your letter ref. C-1401 dated 28th September 1973 with a true copy of the Police order dated 20th September. I do hope that during Mr. M.S. Sundara's recent visit you would have discussed with him this important matter because he is one person who can do a lot in respect of overseas visitors to this country. I have also written to him today seeking clarification from him. In the meantime we should not naturally be perturbed about this because no sensible government can try to pass on its own duties to individuals or social organisations which is what this current order amounts to.

It is important that we in the Mission keep ourselves perfectly clear of all foreign exchange involvements with overseas individuals and also strictly conform to government regulations in all these matters. I am sure this is understood by all the officials concerned. I shall write to you as soon as I receive a reply from Mr. Sundara.

I hope the Danish group have arrived on schedule and they must be very happy in being with you. Please convey our greetings to all of them.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
15th October 1973

Revered Master,

During my stay in Madurai two days ago I met one lady, Mrs. A.R. Iravathy, who is aged 62. She spent her childhood and youth in Rangoon at Burma and later came back to Madras where she served for eighteen years as Principal of the Queen Mary's College. After retirement she is now employed as Director, Department of Geography in the Madurai University. It appears that for the last eighteen or twenty years she has been interested in spiritual development and her interest was awakened by listening to a course of lectures on the

Bhagavad Gita by Swami Ranganathananda of the Shri Ramakrishna Mission who delivered these lectures in her home. She has been meditating off and on for the past eighteen years but the trouble is the moment when she sits in meditation she falls asleep. She is unable to successfully overcome this and she also tells that even while reading books sleep overcomes her.

I have given her an idea of activities of our method but she requested me to obtain your advice before she could commence meditation under our system. Kindly let me have your advice in this matter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
22nd October 1973

Revered Master,

I have received a letter from Miss Christine Langstaff and another letter from Don Sabourin with a copy of the constitution and by-laws they have drafted for the Canadian Mission. My replies to both of them are enclosed together with the comments on the constitution and by-laws. Please read the comments carefully and then convey your own views direct to Don with a copy to me of your letter.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

22nd October 1973

Miss Christine Langstaff
c/o S.F. Student Society
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby 2, B.C. Canada

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of the 17th and for your greetings to our family. We are all glad to see that the Mission in Canada is growing and we are all grateful to Don for the work he has been doing for the Mission. He will work very well indeed as a preceptor and it is nice that you have some assistance in this business of transmitting. I have already received Don's letter of the 15th October and as soon as I go through the constitution I shall attach a letter for him with this letter which you may kindly hand over to him.

I met Master recently at Calcutta and had the pleasure and privilege of spending three days with him in his Divine company. He was his usual kind and affectionate self and had appeared to have improved a little in health though much weaker than what he normally is. You know that we are constructing a Headquarters Ashram at Shahjahanpur and Master has taken upon himself the enormous burden of supervising it and this has put a strain on him. He has confirmed a visit to Europe during April-May 1974 for about six weeks. You may take it tentatively that he will be in Europe between 25th April and 15th June. I would suggest your coming to Denmark to meet him as probably his longest stay will be there for not less than ten days. Thereafter, if you wish to accompany him to other centres in Europe, we would naturally be very happy to have you with us. As you will see the European tour will commence from Rome where we will stay for seven days, then on to France for ten days, in London for a week and on the return trip ten days at Denmark, five days at Freiburg, probably four days in Switzerland and finishing up again with three days in

Rome before returning to India. I shall let you know the final programme as soon as it is drafted and has Master's approval.

On this occasion a visit to the United States is not contemplated as time consuming and also as imposing very great strain physically on Master.

With best wishes and our love to all of you,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

22nd October 1973

Mr. Don Sabourin
Canada

My dear brother,

Thank you for your kind and affectionate letter of the 15th. I attach herewith comments on both the by-laws and the constitution. The comments are purely based on the American experience. I shall welcome a copy in due course of your final papers, when they are ready. Otherwise, the whole document may be treated as approved. I am sending a copy of this letter to Master so that he may signify his approval formally before you proceed with initiating legal action.

I am glad to hear that you and your wife Jackie are planning to come to India in January. January is very cold in Shahjahanpur and you know houses in India have no heating and it is therefore necessary that you are equipped with really heavy woollens if you propose spending January in Shahjahanpur. Master is planning to visit Europe between the third week of April and the third week of June but his plans are yet to be finalised, and a definite itinerary prepared. I shall forward a copy as soon as it is ready. We would love to have Jackie and you with us at Madras and we would like to have you as guests in our house during your stay if it is not necessary for you to stay at a hotel, if only two of you are coming.

With best wishes and love from all of us,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

Comments on Constitution

1. All right
2. All right
3. Suggest addition of one sentence to read:

"and in such other cities of the State of Canada as may be determined upon in the future."

By-Laws

1. Membership: Suggest addition of a definite clause under

(a) to state that membership will be free of charge and no member shall be required to pay any dues or fees during the period of his membership.

It is suggested that the other three clauses (a) (b) and (c) be respectively made (b) (c) and (d) and the closing paragraph of 1 maintained as an explanatory paragraph.

2. All right
3. All right
4. All right

Under 4 (e) (i), 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th lines suggested to be changed as under:-

He shall nominate from amongst his spiritual associates any person as his spiritual representative who as such will enjoy all the powers and duties vested in the Mission. This suggestion is being made because the word 'representative' has a special meaning in our system and also the word 'successor' has a similar special meaning. In fact Master's spiritual representative will also automatically be his spiritual successor. As you are aware, Master himself refers to himself only as Lalaji's representative. Hence this suggestion.

Under 4 (e) (iii) — It is suggested similarly that the General Secretary shall automatically be an ex-officio member of all standing committees created by the Board of Directors. This line may be added to the existing 4 (e) (iii).

5. All right

6. All right

7. I assume you will be using the Mission emblem as a seal of the Mission. Please clarify. Under the by-laws it is preferable to show the facsimile under 7.

8. All right

9. All right

10. All right

11. Regarding finances: A provision to pay for travel of either the President and/or his nominee — such travel costs to be wholly or partly as the case may be, borne by the Canadian organisation. This provision should apply preferably for travel from India to Canada and back and also internal travel within Canada. It is desirable to incorporate this provision if your legal laws do not go against its provision.

12. All right

13. All right

14. All right

15. Do you think this is really necessary? This may be construed as a militant action against existing practices and may create disturbances from religious/social organisations. I per-

sonally feel it is better to avoid this and stick to the positive suggestions under 14.

There is no provision in your constitution or by-laws to specifically state that the Mission or its members shall not enter into political activity contrary to the provision for which the Mission is incorporated. I found in the United States such a definite commitment is necessary. Please clarify. As you are aware the Mission has no political affiliations and its by-laws in India are to the best of my knowledge strictly against any political activity being brought into the Mission.

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Madras
26th October 1973

My Beloved Master,

My heart overflowed when I had darshan of your Divine form at Calcutta — but in another way my longing to be with you forever and ever has increased. I was unfortunate to be ill and so not able to be with you all the time at Calcutta. I hope you are well, and that ashram work is going on well. I think money has begun to flow in now and progress in work will be faster.

I seem to be living a life apart from my physical life. I seem to be living more **inside** myself — this is the feeling I get. Irritation is very much reduced. My father gets less irritated with me than before, though his irritation with Bahu and Chi. Krishna is more and more. My longing for life in the Brighter world, for my Real existence, is ever increasing. Dreams are reduced too! External occurrences seem to affect me less and less. Kindly explain my condition. Kasturi Jijji has written to me to say, "Brother, your condition is such that it seems as if your entire body has been washed in spiritual water. And now, here and there, there is the glitter of reality to be found. Now, the possibility of all the nerves and every hair of the body flying off is there. This condition is awaited. Now you would not feel any extra happiness but the beloved is Himself entering into you, this much can be known."

I seek your kind clarification and comment on this. I have to receive replies to three of my letters to you! I know you are extremely busy and preoccupied, but I hope you will send me a letter soon.

My father is leaving for Delhi on Saturday 3rd November to participate in the International Stamp exhibition. The exhibition will be over on 24th November, and he is leaving Delhi on 27th November to go to Shahjahanpur. He proposes to stay with you ten days or so before returning to Madras. May your Benevolent Love protect him in all ways.

My programme is there to come to you by 20th November. I shall confirm next week. Beloved Master, take care of your health. You are more precious to me than my life or even my spiritual life, all of which I will sacrifice for your well-being and long life.

With love.

Your affectionate son,
Parthasarathi

31st October 1973

Revered Master,

Re: Your Autobiography

The first revision was made and the entire matter typed and since then a second revision has been carried out and final typed script is being prepared today for handing over to the Press either tomorrow or day after. I have some doubts to place before you which I refer to the page numbers of the original manuscript sent by you:-

1. On page 36 the date is given in the diary as 9-10/2/1929. Earlier on page 34 the condition for 20th February 1929 and onwards is given. Please clarify whether this date is correct, because it seems to be in the wrong place and if it is correct whether this must be brought before page 34.

2. On page 34 under date 20th February 1929 in line six you say "the two extremities of the link seem to be molten like the ends of the stick." Should the word be molten or something else?

3. On page 49 in line three from the top, the word 'Gairat' is used. I do not know the word. Please confirm whether this is correct and what its English equivalent is?

4. Please give the English equivalent of *Shabe Quadir*.

5. On page 74 after the diary for 29th to 31st August 1930 you have given copy of the letter to Master with copy of diary for September 1930. The letter begins with "Respected brother." Please confirm whether this is a letter addressed to the Master or whether it is a letter addressed to a preceptor?

6. I have noticed in several letters to the Master you have stated that you are with Him and Guruji Maharaj. Please clarify who this Guruji Maharaj is, if the letter is correct.

7. On page 82 in your diary for 15th January 1931 the word "*Latifa*" is mentioned. Please give the English equivalent.

8. On page 86 where copy of Revered Lalaji Saheb's letter is given, the word '*Jasb*' occurs. Kindly give the English equivalent, as also the English equivalent for *Upram* and *Salik* all of which occur in the same letter.

9. On page 95 for diary for 11th May 1931 the phrase "*Khwaja bil Qasim Nurul Khuda*" is given. Kindly give English translation.

It has been decided that by your Grace the book will be ready for releasing on Basant Panchami day of 1974. Kindly let me know the date for Basant Panchami.

It has also been decided that the book will be published in two bindings, one on paper-pack edition like *Efficacy of Raja Yoga* to be priced at Rs. 7/- per copy and a hard-cover deluxe edition at Rs. 10/- per copy. I am circularising this information to all centres requesting advance payment for copies desired as sale copies. The title should be "Autobiography of Shri Ram Chandra — Part I" (30th April, 1899 to 28th November, 1932). Having read through this script a few times so far I find there are very few personal details given in this work. Perhaps you have reserved this for the next Vol. II. Please clarify. After the re-typing of the revised script is completed I shall send you a copy for your file and reference.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

P.S. No dates are given for your letters addressed to Revered Lalaji Saheb. It would be worthwhile giving dates for each letter as also the date of Lalaji Saheb's reply. Kindly furnish this information if you consider it appropriate.

Madras

1st November 1973

Beloved Master,

I am reporting two dreams I had for your kind explanation.

1) Early morning of Monday 29th October 1973 I dreamt I was in a dark place, light was there but faint, like twilight. Because of water scarcity people could not use latrines and were passing motion on sheets of newspaper. I come to one such place. Someone had eased himself and, having completed, was taking up the paper with the spoils to throw it away. At this point some of the night soil fell out of the paper on to my left foot. I went out to search for water to clean my feet.

2) Early morning of Tuesday 30th October 1973 It is again twilight, neither dark nor light. I am in a place where the land is up and down, in the open. There is someone with me whom I do not know. As we are going on we suddenly see a tiger some distance away. The person with me stoops to pick up something to throw at the tiger to frighten it away. He does not heed my warning that if we throw something, the tiger will be provoked to attack us. He throws something at it, and the tiger charges at me. I hide behind some barrels which are there from where I can see it charging towards me. Suddenly a line of soldiers appear between me and the tiger, all with swords in their hands. The tiger sees them and runs away. Then I find myself outside a temple of Sri Ram Chandraji the Avatar. I am overcome by my emotion, thinking of my own Master of that name, and silently bend my head in pranam to my Master.

Yesterday, I have written to Brother Prakash that I shall arrive in Shahjahanpur by Lucknow Mail on Monday 19th November. Bahu and Chi. Krishna will accompany me, along with Shri B. Rajagopal of Virudhunagar, Shri R. Swaminathan and Shri V. Guhan of Madras. I have requested Brother Prakash to purchase and reserve six 1st class rail tickets for return journey on Thursday 22nd Friday 23rd midnight by Lucknow Mail as we have to be in Delhi on Friday 23rd morning without fail.

My father leaves for Delhi on 3rd November (Saturday) for the India International Philatelic exhibition and will leave for Shahjahanpur on 27th night by Lucknow Mail to spend about ten days with you. I pray to you to grant him your Divine Protection in all ways.

My headache keeps coming and going, and I get attacks practically every week. Your autobiography will go to Press tomorrow. I have written seeking some clarification and expect your reply soon.

I look forward with much eagerness to spend four happy and blissful days with you.

Your affectionate son,
Parthasarathi

Madras
3rd November 1973

Revered Master,

Re: *Autobiography*

There is one more clarification I seek from you.

On page 27 of your original draft in diary pertaining to 22nd June 1928 the word *Augarh* Saint is mentioned. Kindly clarify with meaning.

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-1716/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
2nd/3rd December 1973

My Dear Parthasarathi,

Your father reached here safely and he feels happy. I have got very happy tidings that your father will live for a long time to come and we all wish that. His heart is very sound — that I have already said to you. The vibrations of his mind are a bit dull. I tried to improve them and am successful to some extent till now. He will grow better and better but the time given by him is too short. When a case is before me, actual reading is there and then I use the power of the Master to the required extent. My headache is going on.

I am sending some corrections in the *Autobiography*. I would like them to be introduced while printing. If it is not possible to include them in the text, an errata may be prepared on the basis of the printed pages and incorporated in the binding. But I wish that this contingency will not arise.

Please keep Sarvesh in mind.

Love to children.

Yours

Ram Chandra

Copy of the letter of Charlotte together with its reply is attached for your impression.

R C

Copy of letter dated 2nd November 1973 from Ms. Charlotte O'Brien, Engvaugsvej 5, Stuøby Egede, Pr 4600 Køge, Denmark to Shri Ram Chandra, Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur, U.P.

I should have written you long ago, but in your clairvoyance you probably know better than I what has happened.

We are doing quite well in Lansing last year until Christmas time when several of our people left town. In the winter time we had some members but the number dwindled. Finally last March I was feeling quite distant from you. At that time we had a vacation from school and I was at home. I went to a few meetings on Yoga exercise. They were doing spiritual eye concentration so I joined them out of curiosity without meaning to offend you. After a few days of this I became quite depressed as I haven't done in years. For at least a month afterwards I lived in quite a fog not knowing the time of day or what I was doing.

I was wondering if I experienced this peculiar state because you withdrew your energy from me? I just haven't felt as peaceful since that time. I have only tried to give a couple of sittings since then and they didn't feel at all right.

In June I left Lansing and am now in Greenville. I should be in Denmark and seeing Birthe by the 25th of November. If you have anything to write to me please write there. I have the feeling you no longer work through my body as a preceptor, but would like a positive statement if you have time.

No. C-708/SRCM

30th November 1973

My dear Charlotte,

Received your letter dated 2nd November 1973. There are so many methods of meditation prevalent in India and the so-called saints of the day prescribe new methods of their own. The method tried by the majority of the people with success in the end is the correct method. My Rev. Master has said some where that one should prescribe the tested method given in the authenticated Scriptures. If Divine wisdom is awakened in any Saint then whatever he will prescribe will be correct. Correct method leads to correct results and wrong method leads to no where. The method we follow is given in *Yoga Philosophy* by Patanjali and also in Upanishads in the Vedas. The result of our method has been proved the best of which my Master and myself have sufficient experience.

You concentrated on the spiritual eye. I do not know where it is. Whether it is cavernous plexus or some where else? I think it has given you anti-result. The grossness started and it is hovering throughout the chest. Where you concentrated that has become itself gross and to me looks like a block checking the flow of water. Water I have used here in the sense that Divine energy seems to have been hampered.

I want to spread spirituality throughout the globe. So, be it far from me that I will withdraw the power given by my own self. So, that is not the right idea that I am offended by your method and took away the power given by me. By your letter it appears to me that you have realised the futility of the new method adopted by you and if you still are willing to continue in our method, I shall be pleased to undo the harm done to you as you yourself feel.

Hope to hear soon.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Madras
6th December 1973

My Beloved Master,

Thank you for your affectionate letter of 3rd December which I received this morning. I am grateful to you for what you have written about my father's long life. It is all your love and Grace and may Glory be ever due to you.

The corrections you have indicated are mostly typing mistakes and all the corrections will be carried out.

Regarding Chi. Sarvesh, I requested Chi. Umesh to telegraphically call him from Cuddappah with his personal effects and I have sent him to Virudhunagar where he has been appointed as "apprentice" on a stipend of Rs. 250/- per month. On confirmation after six months probation he will receive a salary of Rs. 300/- per month. After that his future is in his own hands. I have told him he must learn Tamil as he has to work in the factory with one hundred percent Tamil labour. He must also learn to speak fluently in English. Both these are **essential** apart from developing in his line of work. His address is:

Chi. Sarvesh Chandra
Apprentice
The Indian Textile Paper Tube Co. Ltd.
19, Perali Road
Virudhunagar 626 001

Our preceptor Shri B. Rajagopal wanted Sarvesh to stay with him in his bungalow and I have agreed to this. Later on when Chi. Sarvesh feels settled and confident, he can find a place for himself. I think Rajagopal will look after him as his own younger brother. The works manager Mr. B. Ramachandran, the labour officer Mr. R. Rangappa, are also our abhyasis. So Chi. Sarvesh will be well looked after. There is no need to worry about him. By your love and Grace he will come up well in life.

My headache continues. Nausea is much increased. Perhaps the *hakim's* medicines will take time to suit my system. I am taking the medicines regularly.

With all my love.

I await detailed replies to two of my previous letters regarding dreams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

REGISTERED

No. C-1749/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
12th December 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter and the Railway Receipt for the books sent and also the bill. I am happy that Chi. Sarvesh has got the job. I hope that his future will favour him further by your effort. After the receipt of the books I shall transfer the price of the books to Allahabad Bank Madras in the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission.

We have received a letter from Vibe and Thomas today intimating that they are sending the money for the Ashram within a few days when all matters are settled. It will be sent as per our Banker's instructions in this regard.

Umesh has written to me that his pain has again started. I do not know whether B. Rajagopal has purchased the medicine for Umesh. If so, I believe the medicine has not reached him.

I am sending herewith a copy of my letter addressed to some preceptors regarding use of the metal badges by the abhyasis participating in the Utsava. Please inform all concerned about it in Madras state. It is proposed to make it compulsory in each case.

You are requested to please arrange to send the metal badges which are with you to this place for sale to the associates during the Utsava here. Sale proceeds will be remitted to the Madras Centre. The balance stock, if any, of badges can be kept here on your behalf and as and when they are sold out, the sale proceeds will be sent to Madras.

We have missed one important thing in incorporating the brief history of my family. It must be incorporated under the heading 'Publisher's Note' which is being sent to you. You may correct it wherever it is necessary. Publisher's Note will come first, i.e., before 'Early Life' in the book, having roman page numbers. The date in the Publisher's Note you can put yourself.

Please also inform your Spiritual Condition. You have asked me my interpretation of your dream. Please write it again as there are two or three dreams mentioned in the letter.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. Mr. David came here yesterday. He is fit for preceptorship and I am going to do it. He has improved much since he followed our system. He has got Indian mentality. His object is to be merged in God. It is the first time that I am hearing this word from Westerners.

R C

IMPORTANT AND URGENT

Shahjahanpur
11th December 1973

To: All the preceptors of the Mission.

Dear brother,

It has been observed during the last few Utsavas here that some non-associates having no connection with the Mission come up and intermingle with the associates. Such people due to the presence of large number of persons here have even the access to the residential rooms. It may be that some undesirable elements may creep in and do some mischief such as stealing of the goods of the associates, etc. Further, such persons, whose number is not small, participate freely in breakfasts, lunches and dinners and thus cause unnecessary drain on the meagre finances of the Mission.

It has, therefore, been decided that all the associates participating in the Basant Panchami Utsava, in January, 1974 at Shahjahanpur as also in future, should wear steel badges of Shri Ram Chandra Mission, which the associates purchased last year at the Utsava at Shahjahanpur or at Madras in the Centenary celebrations. Those who have not so far purchased will do it when they come to participate in the Utsava here. The idea is that every participant should be with the badge to facilitate identification.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly bring it to the notice of abhyasis at your centre for strict compliance and necessary action in this regard. Also please inform associates of nearby places.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission

Camp Madurai.
13th December 1973

Revered Master,

I have come here for usual inspection of our Virudhunagar factory. I received a letter from Chi. Umesh advising me that M/s Khandelwal have called Chi. Sarvesh for interview on Sunday 15th December 1973 at Madras for post of sales representative. His information is that the salary will be Rs. 275/- per month, and a sales commission of 2% on sales. The posting would be at Jaipur or Jodhpur. Chi. Umesh is anxious that Chi. Sarvesh should attend and take his chance, as a friend has arranged this and selection is almost certain. I consulted Chi. Sarvesh and he wanted to go. So he has been granted leave and will go to Madras tomorrow to attend the interview. To ascertain your own wishes in this matter — whether you want him to remain at Virudhunagar or go to this new job — I have sent you a telegram yesterday afternoon, requesting your telegraphic advice. Chi. Sarvesh definitely prefers the job with Khandelwal because Jaipur or Jodhpur would be much nearer home. The only attraction I can see is that he will work in a Hindi territory. I am not at all sure how he should be guided, and so I have sent you the telegram. I shall reach Madras tomorrow evening and look forward to your reply.

During my recent visit to Shahjahanpur I had recommended Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar of Madurai for provisional permission and you had kindly agreed to it. You had instructed me to complete the work and intimate to you to enable you to send him the certificate. Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar has been granted provisional permission on your behalf this morning (Thursday, 13th December 1973) and will commence work tomorrow. He has been given the work of developing the satsangh at Thirunagar at the residence of Mr. W.H. Srinivasan. He will go there once a week for this purpose. The Preceptor-in-charge of Madurai centre Shri Thasma Swamy has been informed. Kindly send Shri Chandrasekhar the certificate. The address is:-

Mr. V.J. Chandrasekhar
Assistant, Spare Parts Department
M/s T.V. Sundaram Iyengar & Sons Pvt. Ltd.
West Veli St.
Madurai 1

Correct spelling of name is given here. Please send certificate by registered post.

Chi. Krishna has come with me on this tour as all colleges are closed in this state till first week of January. In fact after returning from Delhi he attended college only one day. If we had known of these political developments earlier, we could all have stayed at least one more week with you at Shahjahanpur.

Chi. Krishna is attending all satsanghs regularly. His mother was to have come with us, but was taken ill with acute amoebiasis and so had to remain behind. Beloved Master, please take care of her and of Chi. Krishna. They are yours. I pray to you for their spiritual growth to the highest approach. Bari Bahu's progress is very slow and she feels very depressed and dispirited because of this. After her visit to Shahjahanpur she has been very very acutely disappointed that you have not done much for her. She came with high hopes and has returned quite down-hearted. I pray to you to help her and raise her up quickly.

My father returned to Madras yesterday. I spoke to him by telephone and he is well. Since Krishna's mother is sick and in her mother's home, my father will stay with my brother Kothand till I return.

Madurai centre is showing signs of growing. Brother G.S. Moni speaks much and with apparent devotion and dedication, but reports are he does very little work. Shri Thasma Swamy appears to be disappointed with him. Shri Moni does not even go to Thirunagar once a week — the satsangh there is going on without a preceptor. Now Shri Chandrasekhar will go. Perhaps you should write a letter to Shri G.S. Moni — as we discussed at Shahjahanpur.

With love and Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM

To: P. Rajagopalachari **14th December 1973**

REFTEL ALREADY WIRED UMESH PERMISSION FOR SARVESH INTERVIEW DECISION REGARDING JOINING POST WILL LATER WITH YOU ADVICE

RAM CHANDRA

Shahjahanpur
15th December 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

I believe you have received my Registered letter. Last night I received your telegram asking my permission for Sarvesh to appear in the interview at Bombay for the post of salesman of Khandelwal Laboratories. I immediately sent a reply telegram to you at Madras, permitting him to appear in the interview. Umesh also had sent a letter which I received yesterday. I also sent him a telegram for permission.

I am in a fix how to decide as to which post will be better and suitable to Sarvesh — whether the job that you gave him or this post of salesman. I even do not know as to what is the position and status of this Khandelwal Labs and how much popular are the goods manufactured by this firm. I do not know why the thought is coming to me that it would be better that he should continue in his present job, but I shall abide by your decision in the matter, if he gets the job in Khandelwal Labs. Sarvesh will continue in his present job, till you consult me about it after giving your considered opinion.

I went to your physician here and told him that pain is repeating and nausea also starts. He said to add in the medicine three 'Aloo Bukhara' per dose. He is quite hopeful of your recovery. If you do not get Aloo Bukhara there, I can send them to you but it will take ten days or so.

I am these days suffering from lumbago and pain in the left ankle.

Love to children.

Yours
Ram Chandra

Madras
18th December 1973

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your registered letter ref. C-1749 dated 12th December along with enclosures. Yesterday Chiranjeevi Sarvesh came to see me and informed me that his interview had gone off well and that he expects to receive Khandelwal's order to proceed for three weeks' training at Bombay in the next ten days. It appears that selected candidates will be trained at company's expense and then there will be a final interview for final selection. He has returned to Virudhunagar yesterday evening because Khandelwal will post his training orders to Virudhunagar address. After considering the matter in considerable detail and after considering Chi. Sarvesh's own wishes, I think it would be better to allow him to go to the Khandelwal Company if he is finally selected there. The salary is Rs. 275/- plus commission on sales and it is stated that the minimum commission will be at least Rs. 200/- per month so that he will earn nearly Rs. 500/- per month. The biggest advantage will be his working in a Hindi-speaking area. He also wishes to go to Jodhpur or Jaipur because it is closer to you and he can visit you more often. I therefore believe that he should be allowed to take his choice if that post is finally offered to him.

I will send about 500 metal badges through somebody coming to Shahjahanpur. I understood when I visited Shahjahanpur that of the 500 badges originally sent only 200 or so were sold. So I trust 500 nos. will now be sufficient. Regarding book account, the following are due from Shahjahanpur Headquarters:-

Bill No.	4228	Rs.	320.00
	4256	Rs.	3,500.00
	4262	Rs.	1,500.00
	4300	Rs.	840.00
		Rs.	6,160.00

When transferring the amount kindly ensure that the total amount as above is transferred. Immediately on receipt of this I shall arrange to transfer approximately Rs. 10,000/- from here towards H.O. construction account so that H.O. is not handicapped for want of funds.

I hope your general circular to all preceptors has been sent all over India. I am arranging to inform the people in Tamilnadu State suitably.

Regarding *Autobiography*, the first two forms will be printed and further work is going on. I think the short background of your family is more suitably included in the publishers' note. I shall revise it suitably and include it.

I have today received your Express Delivery letter of the 15th. I am happy to tell you that since Sunday the 9th I have had no headache at all and this is the first time in practically one year that I have been free of headache for a week. So I am sure the hakim's medicine is proving effective even though I was able to take it only for one week from the 2nd to the 9th. I am now starting it again and I will add Aloo Bukhara as suggested by you, and I shall inform the condition again.

Regarding my spiritual condition, except to say I feel extremely well and silent inside I am not able to comment further. Regarding dreams I had requested interpretation. They are contained in my letter of the 1st November where I have related two dreams.

I have also to relate another experience I recently had after returning from Shahjahanpur to Delhi. I had gone with my family to meet Sister Kasturi at Modinagar. She gave us a sitting. Immediately after the sitting began I felt that you were sitting in Kasturi's place and transmitting. I also found that I was lying in your lap and simultaneously I was also sitting opposite to you receiving the transmission. You laughed and said, "See, you are here and also there." This was the main experience I had. I would like your interpretation of this experience.

I had written to you from Madurai a long letter on the 13th regarding completion of work of Mr. P.J. Chandrasekhar and requesting you to send his certificate to him. I trust you have received that letter by now.

All of us are well at home and things are going on as usual.

Pranams and affection,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. I feel that Chi. Sarvesh will be much benefited by some years of sales experience. It will mould him to come out of himself, to speak well and so on, and develop confidence in him.

PR

C-1797/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
27th December 1973

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter dated 18th December 1973. I have not yet received the books sent by you by Railway parcel. It may be due to strike which has been called off. Generally the books are received here in between six or seven weeks. I will send the money Rs. 6,160/- of the books in a week or two. You need not send the money unless I write to you.

Your spiritual condition, I am happy, is going on well but still I have to see many things. When the past impressions come to the surface such dreams appear. It is only so much important that the awkward impressions are cleared by dream. For the second dream, I can say only so much that to see the tiger in the dream is good as the interpreter of the dream says. It too is not of very much importance. What you have felt in the transmission of saint Kasturi is often felt by our associates. It shows that Kasturi is deeply in touch with me. The rest speaks of your faith and devotion to me.

When you agree with the job which Sarvesh will get in Khandelwal's company I have no objection. I am happy that he did well in the interview but after three weeks training he will have to sit for interview again. If he gets through he will then be appointed.

Please let me know if it is possible for him to get leave without pay from his present post at Virudhunagar so that it may also remain intact. To be more expressive I want that he may not lose the present job till he is finally appointed in Khandelwal's company.

I have also written to Sarvesh to apply for leave without pay from his present job when he is called for. I have sent Aloo Bukhara through a Madrasi associate for your medicine. It is available there also. In your case I am touching some higher things for your higher elevation after some more study so that when you go to the West you may feel a changed man.

I am talking about the marriage of Sarvesh. Maya has seen the girl and she speaks volumes in her favour. She has joined B.Ed. and she belongs to Lakhimpur Kheri. After his marriage I shall be free to remain in Madras as long as you please. I would have gone to Lakhimpur myself to see the girl but I could not go because Danish people and Mr. David Allen Bolevice, an American, are staying here.

With best wishes,

Love to children.

Yours,
Ram Chandra

31st December 1973

Revered Master,

I am grateful to you for your affectionate letter of the 27th which I received yesterday and for your encouraging comments on my spiritual condition. I am also grateful to you for what you are doing to make further progress easy and quick.

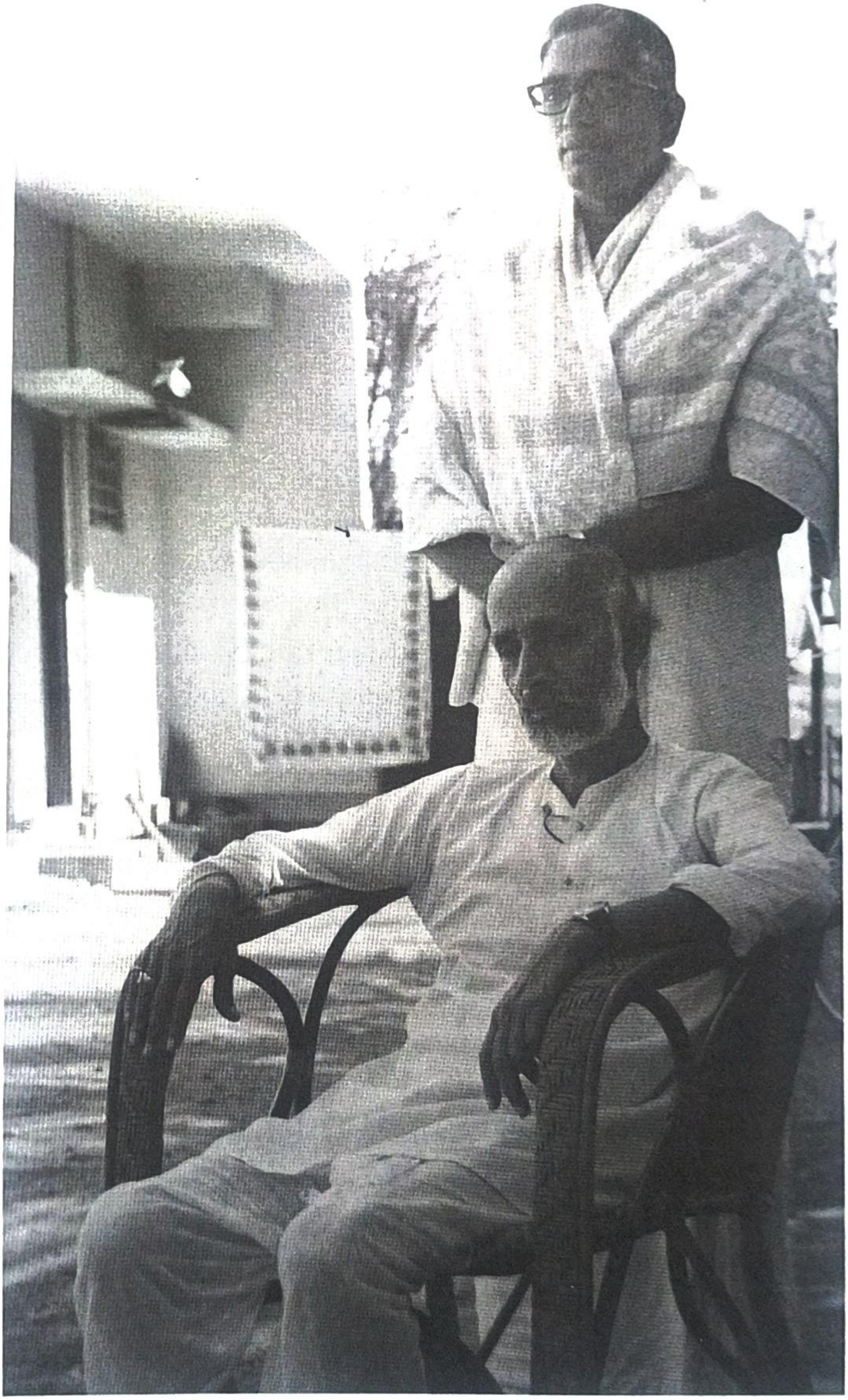
I hope you have received my letter from Madurai in which I have written about Shri V.J. Chandrasekar and that you have sent him the provisional permission certificate. The work was completed on 13th December and the certificate may therefore be dated as on that date.

Regarding Chiranjeevi Sarvesh we can take a decision at the appropriate time after knowing about his Khandelwal training and the satisfactory completion thereof.

The *Autobiography* is in print and I hope to have the completed copies by the 15th January latest and I also hope to send sufficient copies for sale by H.O. through abhyasis who are going to Shahjahanpur for Basant Panchami.

All are well at home by your Grace,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi



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Madras
10th January 1974

My Beloved Master,

Hope you are well and that the sciatica-like pain has been treated and that you are completely well. I am very much perturbed by the heavy burden of work you have taken on yourself and pray that your health and strength are equal to it. I pray to the Almighty for your long life and good health. You are very very dear to us.

The *Autobiography* printing is in final stages, and I hope to send through some abhyasis at least 400 copies for sale at Shahjahanpur during Basant Panchami. Response by way of advance orders has been good — we have received orders for nearly 450 copies so far — but there are yet many centres which have so far not given orders — mostly from North India. I expect the abhyasis of such centres will buy the copies during the Utsav. I shall await your instructions regarding overseas dispatches. I hope visitors from abroad will take as many copies as they can when they return to their respective countries. Otherwise sea transport takes so long that books will not reach European destinations for at least four months after dispatch, and in the case of USA this is nearly six months.

My beloved Master, as far as my spiritual condition is concerned, the only thing I can positively say is that my love for you is almost bursting its bounds, and yet seems to know no limits. But the weeping, tears, etc. seem to have gone, leaving a sort of heartache in me, longing for your Presence. When will you remove this deep pain and make me one with you? I pray and long for it.

I will not be able to come for the Utsav. There is much pressure of work — and apart from this, I notice something contradictory in that which I long for your darshan and do pine for it, there is also a reluctance to go over to Shahjahanpur. Regarding my health, I feel there is definite improvement. But headaches come and go though not so often as earlier, nor so intense. Since leaving Shahjahanpur I have had only once vomiting — yesterday — whereas previously vomiting was there on every occasion. So I feel improvement is definitely there and I am continuing the medicine regularly. Aloo Bukhara has arrived, which you so lovingly sent and is included every morning.

Father, Bari Bahu and Krishna are well. Krishna is preparing for the selection examination of the Indian Institute of Technology. The examination is of high standard and selection is by rank taken at the examination. By your love and Grace he must gain this entrance. The results will come some time in April, after his PUC exam. Chi. Krishna sits for group meditation regularly on Sundays.

We are arranging for a small function on Basant Panchami day to release the *Autobiography* formally. The release will be done by my father, at the request of Shri Vira Raghavan. I request you to personally release a copy at Shahjahanpur on the morning of 28th, thereafter put the book for sale.

I hope the provisional permission certificate has been sent to Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar of Madurai. Shri Thasma Swamy has written to say that brother Chandrasekhar has taken to his work seriously. In the absence of Shri B. Rajagopal who is abroad in the Far East, respected Brother J.R. Doreswami Iyer is going regularly to Virudhunagar to conduct satsangh, and will do so till Rajagopal returns to India at the end of this month.

Shri Ramakrishna Chetty IPS of Anantapur took some Mission books in 1971 as per details below.

Bill No. 252 dated 23rd May 1971	Rs. 125.00
Bill No. 254 dated 26th May 1971	Rs. 033.00
Total	Rs. 158.00

I have sent many reminders for payment but he has not replied to **even one** letter so far. Respected Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur was informed of this and he has been unsuccessful too. This is for your information. More disquieting information is that Brother Chetty has taken to formal methods of worship and has been highly critical of you and of Mission working in his talks with abhyasis. One of his criticisms is that wherever you or sister Kasturi go, there is unrest, calamity, etc. in such places, and so he cannot reconcile the presence of great personalities with such occurrences whereas, according to *Shastras*, the presence of great souls must bring blessings to the land and its people. This is for your **confidential information**. I repeat this as my duty.

With love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-61/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
11th January 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

We are celebrating the birthday of our Master as usual on Basant Panchami day which falls on 28th January 1974. The Utsav will last from 27th to 29th January 1974. You will naturally be the guest and the host here. So this is only the information.

I think you have started taking medicines of Hakim here. I will take you to him for examination when you will be here. Dr. Rajendra of Washington was here for twenty-four hours and went back with so many promises.

I have written to Shri Vira Raghavan inviting all for attending Basant Panchami Utsav.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
12th January 1974

Revered Master,

This is to introduce Shri D. Rengarajan who is an abhyasi of the Mission and an officer of the Indian Textile Paper Tube Co. Ltd., Virudhunagar. He has started our meditation about six months ago and is anxious to have your darshan and your blessings. He will be arriving at Shahjahanpur most probably on Saturday the 19th January and will be carrying with him 200 copies of your autobiography. I hope to send further copies with other abhyasis who are leaving later.

As I have already requested you earlier, this book may kindly be released on Basant Panchami in the morning after the Utsav is over and only after that, released for sale. Mr. Rengarajan may remain with you for two days before he returns to his headquarters.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
16th January 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Basant Panchami Utsava is now fast approaching waiting your arrival. Three Americans are staying here to take part in it and Grace Kimball is also expected after seeing Narayana in Hyderabad.

I stand in need of coffee powder for Utsava. Would you please bring with you one kilogram of coffee powder as Madras coffee is famous.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
17th January 1974

Revered Master,

I am unwillingly compelled to write to you that I will not be able to attend the Basant Panchami Utsav due to pressing official work at Virudhunagar. We have already sent to you 200 hard-cover editions and 100 paper-bound copies of the *Autobiography*. Arrangements are being made to send further 100 hard-cover copies and 100 paper-bound copies so that 300 hard-cover and 200 paper-bound copies will be available for sale during Basant Panchami.

I am also sending through other abhyasis books for Hardoi, Sitapur and Roorkee centres which are the only North Indian centres which have paid in advance and registered their orders. All other North Indian centres may take up their requirements on cash payment during the Utsav from headquarters' stock.

I am taking this opportunity of reminding you of your promise to visit Madras after the Utsav is over to discuss your European tour. Looking at the newspaper every day I wonder whether this year is appropriate for a visit at all, because I understand conditions in Europe and England are extremely bad, where owing to oil shortages, houses are not heated and long queues of cars are waiting even for a small quantity of petrol. There are also reports that airlines will cut down flights and reduce speeds to effect reduction in consumption of even spirit. This is something you have to deeply think over before you undertake or even plan a visit.

Denmark has requested that the visit should be from 20th June onwards when all the people there will have holidays. They have suggested that you should fly from Delhi to Moscow and from there to Copenhagen which is the shortest route. If this suggestion is accepted then the whole of Europe and England can be covered in a circular manner. For instance, Copenhagen-London-Paris-Nice-Rome-Zurich-Basle-Copenhagen and then return can again be Copenhagen-Delhi via Moscow. I understand from both Vibe and Birthe that for Delhi-Copenhagen via Moscow they will be able to obtain very cheap fares. Please also consider this suggestion.

I think it is essential that you should come to Madras not only for this discussion but also to have some rest after the enormous strain that you have been put to during the last six months in the construction of the ashram followed by the strain of the Utsav.

There is a lady from Honolulu, Smt. Kantha Devi, who has come to India to stay. She has been associated with Chinmaya Mission. She has come to our Mission and is regular and appears to be very devoted to our method. My father is very impressed with her. She is also very anxious to see you and looks forward to meeting you. Kindly reply as early as possible confirming your date of visit to this place.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
19th January 1974

Revered Master,

Herewith 100 paper-bound copies of your autobiography — with Bill No. 4330 for Rs. 700/- covering this consignment. Headquarters should have received a total of 500 copies now, 300 of calico and 200 paper bound as detailed below:

Bill No. 4306	200 calico	Rs. 2000.00
Bill No. 4316	100 paper	Rs. 700.00
Bill No. 4326	100 calico	Rs. 1000.00
Bill No. 4330	100 paper	Rs. 700.00
		4400.00
Also 300 badges bill no. 4326		Rs. 1500.00
	Total	Rs. 5900.00

Safe receipt of the above may please be acknowledged.

This last consignment comes with brother Shri S. Narayanaswamy and Shri Dasarathan.

I have just received your affectionate letter of 16th — I will still try my best to come for the Utsav. I am leaving this evening for Virudhunagar where labour has become a little restive as a wage agreement is under negotiation. I hope it proceeds smoothly, and is concluded early.

I shall try my best to come and have some time with you.

Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

TELEGRAM **11th February 1974**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

BABUJI INDISPOSED AWAIT REVISED PROGRAMME

BABU

TELEGRAM **14th February1974**

To: Sahajmarg Shahjahanpur

UNDERSTAND FROM MIMANIJI'S TELEPHONIC MESSAGE MASTER SERIOUSLY ILL STOP REQUEST IMMEDIATE INFORMATION ON CONDITION AND WHETHER MY PRESENCE NECESSARY AT SHAHJAHANPUR

PARTHASARATHI

TELEGRAM **15th February 1974**

To: Rajagopalachari

FATHER ILLNESS PERSISTS CONSULTATION NECESSARY COME

PRAKASH

TELEGRAM **15th February 1974**

To: Sahajmarg Shahjahanpur

ATTN MISTER MIMANI KINDLY INFORM TELEGRAPHICALLY MASTER'S PRESENT CONDITION AND WHETHER YOU THINK MY PRESENCE NECESSARY AFTER CONSULTING MASTER

PARTHASARATHI

TELEGRAM **17th February 1974**

To: Parthasarathi

MASTER DELIRIOUS INFORM UMESH AND SARVESH COME

PRAKASH

TELEGRAM **18th February 1974**

To: Sahajmarg Shahjahanpur

UMESH REACHING SHAHJAHANPUR WEDNESDAY TWENTIETH AND SELF EXPECTING ARRIVE TWENTYSECOND MORNING VERY ANXIOUS WIRE PRESENT CONDITION

PARTHASARATHI

TELEGRAM **18th February 1974**

To: P. Rajagopalachari

FATHER ADMITTED VIVEKANAND HOSPITAL LUCKNOW INFORM UMESH SARVESH

PRAKASH CHANDRA

TELEGRAM **21st February 1974**

To: Parthasarathi

MASTER ADMITTED VIVEKANAND HOSPITAL NIRALANAGAR LUCKNOW DELIRIOUS CONDITION

OMPRAKASH

TELEGRAM **21st February 1974**

To: Seshan, Madras

SWAMIJI WELL LOOKED AFTER ABDOMINAL PAIN XRAY DONE RADIOLOGICAL TESTS IN PROGRESS DIAGNOSIS IN DAY OR TWO

KALYANAM

TELEGRAM **22nd February 1974**

To: Rajagopalachari

BABUJI RECOVERING SEND MEDICAL RECORDS LUCKNOW WITH SARVESH

UMESH

TELEGRAM **28th February 1974**

To: Rajagopalachari

MASTER BEING DISCHARGED TOMORROW PROCEEDING SHAHJAHANPUR IMMEDIATELY

PACHU*

TELEGRAM **2nd March 1974**

To: Rajagopalachari

REQUEST DON AND JACKIE PROCEED SHAHJAHANPUR IMMEDIATELY BABUJI BETTER NEEDS NURSING NO ANXIETY

PARTHASARATHI

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* Nickname of Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari.

Madras
18th March 1974

Beloved Master,

Today we received a letter from Don dated 10th saying you are well, resting periodically and taking diet and medicine according to the doctor's schedule. We are all so very happy to hear this. We are all eagerly looking forward to your Madras visit — though only when you are quite fit to travel and stay away from home.

My uncle, my father's youngest brother Shri. C.A. Baktha — Vathsalam, father of our abhyasi Shri B. Chakrapani — suddenly expired on Saturday 9th at 8 P.M. of a heart attack. Today, tenth day ceremonies were concluded and I felt that I should inform you and pray to you to grant his soul your blessings.

Chi. Krishna is preparing for his pre-university examination to begin on 25th March (i.e., next Monday) and told me that he has himself written to you a short letter.

Father, Bahu and I are all well. Chi. Sarvesh arrived here safely and left for Virudhunagar on 16th evening. Chi. Umesh, Choti Bahu, Neetu are all well. Please get well soon and come to us.

Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-269/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
19th March 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

I hope all of you are doing well. When I returned from Lucknow all sorts of pain were over, but now for about ten days I am having pain in the left part of the spinal cord which I had before. The ankle of the left leg is vibrating very fastly if I walk or stand or change the position. I consulted doctor on the phone and he prescribed two injections which I am starting from today. You need not be perplexed. I will recover soon. Mr. and Mrs. Don are doing excellent service as nurses, thanks to them.

I have issued a certificate which I am sending with this letter. Preserve this certificate as a valuable document. You start work giving transmission to the East and West and helping the men throughout the world. The work bestowed upon Me by Nature and the Master will be coming to you sometimes after. Your approach is to the central region and almost all of these sixty-five points are illumined. Absorbency is itself coming fastly to welcome you.

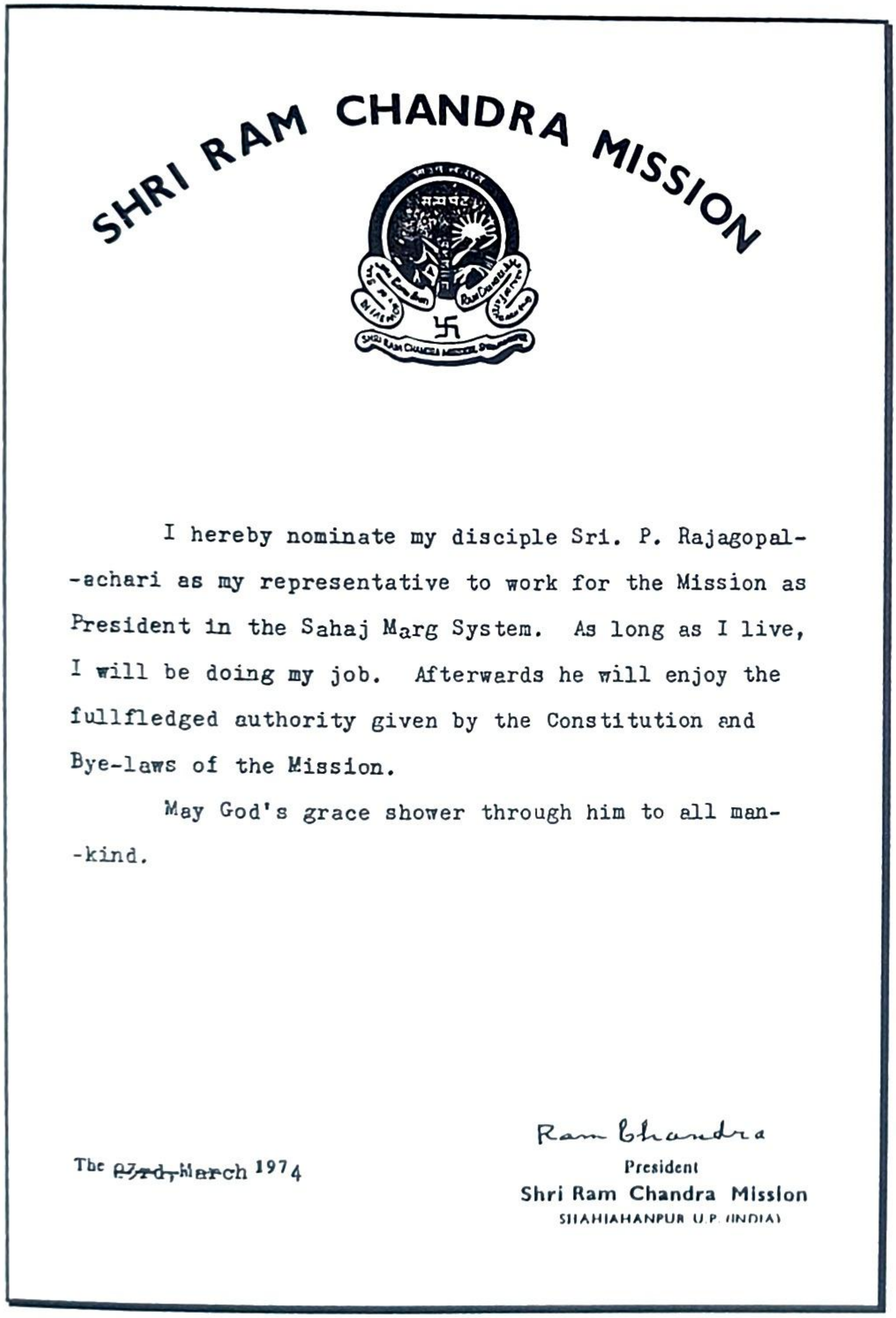
Madras I will surely come, but when I am free from taking medicine every two hours. Moreover, I am not yet free to walk even ten/fifteen paces without danger of falling down.

The marriage of Chi. Sarvesh is settled and *Nazrana* will be sent to your father a few days after. It is the custom here you know that after the settlement of marriage Nazrana is given to the elders. In worldly way, your father including yourself and others are relations and in Spiritual way he is as he knows and understands.

In my case Master took twelve years in giving knowledge of the Reality. He took our work out of His own accord. He will infuse the powers necessary for you. Who can find such a good and gracious Master except Myself. When I compare Myself with you I find that I have got enormous power (Here I reveal Myself). I am bewildered how to infuse so much power. It is My Master and My Master alone who will make the way for it.

Love to children,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra



SHRI RAM CHANDRA MISSION

I hereby nominate my disciple Sri. P. Rajagopal-achari as my representative to work for the Mission as President in the Sahaj Marg System. As long as I live, I will be doing my job. Afterwards he will enjoy the fullfledged authority given by the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Mission.

May God's grace shower through him to all mankind.

The ~~23rd,~~ March 1974

Ram Chandra
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
SHAHJAHANPUR U.P. (INDIA)

Babuji's letter appointing Chariji as his representative

Madras
25th March 1974

My Beloved Master,

Today I have received your letter C-269/SRCM dated 19th with one certificate sent by Registered post. I shall follow your instructions given therein regarding work to be taken up, as well as regarding safely preserving the certificate. My immediate reaction was tears in my eyes. Your action in sending the certificate made me realise the inevitability of many things, but how can I ever live in this world or anywhere else without you? Even now I weep when I think of this. You alone have to solve this problem of life, my biggest problem, for me. For work I have confidence in you, and I believe that to be enough. But for existence I need you, and where will I be without you? This is the cry of my heart.

We were all happy to have a letter from Don saying that you are improving day by day, but that weakness is still there. I do hope that you are not straining yourself with the day to day work of the Mission. We are all eagerly expecting you here at Madras for a really long stay which you badly need to recoup your health, and the earlier you come the more happy we shall all be. We are all very happy to hear that brother Chi. Sarvesh's marriage has been settled, and that the date will be in November. I have conveyed what you have written to my father. Chi. Krishna was extremely pleased to receive your affectionate letter addressed to him. The letter came just as he was to go to the examination hall to begin the first paper of the pre-university examination at two o'clock this afternoon. He took great confidence with him as a result of this, and by your love and blessings which you have showered so generously on this family he will surely come out very successfully.

I had written to you of the sudden passing away of my Chachaji about fifteen days ago (on the 9th) of heart attack. On Friday 22nd I was at Madurai and at 2:30 in the afternoon as I was deep in the work you have assigned to me, I had a vision of my uncle's body lying on the floor of our house at Madras. I transmitted, and the body changed to that of a very tiny baby, with large eyes and a smile in them. The impression was of a female child, but of this I cannot be certain. Does this mean that re-birth has occurred? Please clarify. The experience was so vivid at the time, though it lasted only for a brief time.

Since both the cousins were away from India, I had to do the first and second day *kriyas* on their behalf. Chi. Chakrapani, the elder son, had only that morning sailed with his ship from Japan for Australia, a voyage of sixteen days, and so his coming was out of the question. The younger son arrived on Friday the 15th and performed the tenth day and subsequent kriyas. Today we understand that Chi. Chakrapani will reach Japan by the first week of April, and that his employers have agreed to relieve him then, so that he will be able to come and see his poor mother around the 10th of April or so. It will be a great consolation to him if you are here at that time.

Bari Bahu is constantly thinking of you and offers *pranams* at your beloved holy feet. Chi. Krishna is developing well. Yesterday he asked me a question, "Can you explain what should be the perfect human life?" I answered that really he should ask this question to you. Since he was anxious to have some reply I answered that the perfect life is one that is devoted to the development of the self. Please let me have your answer to the question.

Please take rest and medicine regularly. We all await the auspicious day of your arrival here very very anxiously, and pray that it may be soon.

With all my love and devotion,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-280/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
27th March 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

I presume that you received my Registered A.D. letter. I am writing this letter to remove your anxiety about my health. The pain in the left lower part of the spinal cord and the ankle of the left were almost unbearable and the vibrations (*janjanaahat*) were very strong. I sent Prakash to my doctor at Lucknow and he changed the medicine. From today I find much relief in the pain although vibrations are as strong as before. I hope they will subside soon. Weakness is almost the same. You may also inform Umesh to remove his anxiety.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
25th April 1974

My Beloved Master,

I have had no news of you since your last postcard dated 25th March — a month ago. I am very anxious about you and your long silence is worrying me more and more. Chi. Umesh said he had information from brother M.D. Jahagirdar that you are coming to Madras in the first week of May. A few days later he said that Chi. Sarvesh has written that you will not come to Madras until Chi. Sarvesh's marriage is celebrated. To get a first hand report I am requesting Brother D. Rangarajan of Virudhunagar to meet you on Sunday 28th and then write to me in detail. Since Don and Jackie left I don't know who is looking after you, though Don said someone from Lucknow was expected to nurse you. Don also wrote that Sow.

Meera's marriage has been settled — but no news about this even to Chi. Umesh or Chi. Sarvesh.

We are all well here. Since returning from Shahjahanpur in the middle of March I am finding it difficult to sleep. It takes me a couple of hours to fall asleep. I feel I am suspended at the border between two lives and there is a feeling of uncertainty in my mind. Father, Bahu and Chi. Krishna are all well. Chi. Krishna appears for the Indian Institute of Technology entrance examination on 3rd and 4th May. After that we are planning to go to Madurai for about fifteen days and return by the 21st or 22nd May to Madras. If you are coming before that please let me know.

We are all anxious to have your darshan. We are more anxious for your health. Please send a reply — one line is enough.

With love,

Yours affectionately,

Parthasarathi

Please ask Brother Radharaman Saxena to hand over 50 copies *Reality at Dawn* and raise Bill on Madras centre. Shri D. Rangarajan will bring the books when he returns.

P R

Shahjahanpur
28th April 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

I received your letter through Mr. Rangarajan. I am under treatment of the doctor working in Swami Vivekananda Hospital at Lucknow. His medicine is doing good to me. I have started to take food twice instead of once at night and I feel pain in the stomach but very little. The doctor is sure that I will be cured by his treatment. On every fourteenth day I send

Chi. Prakash who describes my condition and obtains medicines. Most of the medicines are not available here. So we have to purchase them at Lucknow.

I am improving in general health but very slowly. I do not require now the support of anybody if I walk more than thirty to forty yards.

Every two hours there is some medicine or other to be given to me. Mr. Nasib Chand of Lucknow came to me for a week to look after me. Then Mr. Basdev Singh of Lucknow attended me for two weeks. He is coming again in a week's time. Today he has gone to Lucknow to extend his leave. The daughter of Chi. Prakash is attending on me very well. But since the examination of the children is going on I do not want to disturb them. After two weeks they will be free to attend on me.

You have written to me that you get sleep after two hours late at night. Please write to me whether you feel during the day some heaviness and this feeling of confusion. I feel that you must not have felt this sort of feeling during day. During my illness I could not get sleep for weeks without yogic method which you already know. Now I am getting free but with a little difficulty. It is my idea that for yogis four or five hours is enough. But in your case I want that you must sleep for six hours.

I might have retained Jahagirdar.

I will try to be there at Madras in May, if the course prescribed by the doctor is over and I may be able to walk without the help of others. Mr. Mimani of Calcutta also wants me to be there for a month or so. So I shall go to Calcutta first and then come to Madras.

The marriage of Chi. Sarvesh will be performed in November.

The marriage of Chi. Prakash's eldest daughter Sow. Meera is also settled and it will be performed near about October.

Ashram work is going on and according to direction in both the halls — meditation and dining.

I have given provisional permission for work to Jackie wife of Don of Canada.

Are you taking the medicine of the physician for headache? If so, with what result?

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P.S. There is swelling in occipital prominence as discovered by Kasturi at Lucknow and here in Shahjahanpur by myself. Our Unani physician agreed to my diagnosis. Doctor of Vivekananda Hospital now agrees with this diagnosis of Kasturi. The X-ray does not reveal it. When I walk I feel the pressure on hip joint, the bone of which is slightly enlarged. It gives pain. If I talk even fifteen minutes and read something even half an hour my head is heated up.

R C

Madras
3rd May 1974

My Beloved Master,

I am extremely grateful to you for your affectionate letter of 28th April. It came as a ray of sunshine in our dark life when we were all grief stricken at the sudden demise of my aunt on 1st May by heart attack. She was my father's youngest brother's wife — mother of our abhyasi Shri B. Chakrapani. My uncle passed away by heart attack on 9th March, only seven weeks ago, and now she has also departed this world, leaving the two sons parentless. Chakrapani is a captain of a ship and since no officer could be available to relieve him at Japan he could not come for his father's funeral ceremonies. Now the mother has gone and he has not seen both his parents. The younger son who is employed in America came for his father's 10th day and subsequent ceremonies — but now he cannot come again. For my uncle I performed the cremation. For my aunt my younger brother Kothand performed the cremation as I was out of station. On receiving trunk call I rushed back and could see my aunt for just a minute before her mortal remains were consigned to the flames. So your letter was our only consolation when we were all so affected by this tragedy. We pray for your Grace and assistance.

In my official life too I am facing a great deal of uncertainty. I don't know what the future has in store — no more shocks I pray and hope. I am deeply worried though it is foolish because you are there to help and guide me.

My management wants me to do things which my conscience will not permit — and maybe this will create a crisis for me.

It is not proper of me to trouble you when you are sick and need rest badly — but to whom else can I turn at such a time of personal crisis? Please forgive me.

We are all so happy to hear you are improving. May our Divine Lalaji grant you healthy existence on this earth for many many years more. What can we do without you? How can I exist without you? We are all so pleased that you will come to Madras soon. We were to go to Madurai for three weeks. Now my aunt's death may complicate this because Chakrapani's wife and baby daughter who were living with her have come to our house to stay with us. We have no news from Chakrapani yet whether he can come now or not — and even if he comes he will probably stay only at "Gayathri" with us. So things are uncertain.

Today and tomorrow Krishna writes the selection examination for I.I.T. He has suddenly developed reluctance to go to hostel (in I.I.T. this is compulsory) because he is worried about his mother and me and does not want us to be alone. He has a very loving heart, but his future is very important. May your guidance be with him.

We are pleased to hear of Chi. Meera's marriage being fixed. All blessings on her. Chi. Umesh and family are well.

Please write.

Our Love to you.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Camp Coimbatore
Monday 20th May 1974

Beloved Master,

I hope you are well and that we shall soon have the pleasure of seeing you at Madras for a long stay with us. After your last letter of, I think, 28th April there is no further news.

I have been on tour for about fifteen days now and will return to Madras by 25th.

You will be pleased to hear that a centre of the Mission has started functioning at Rajapalayam, about forty-five miles south of Madurai. Shri J.R. Doreswami Iyer and Shri Thasma Swamy had been there last Sunday and given 1st and 2nd sittings to eleven persons there.

In Coimbatore the work is developing well. There are about twenty members now. The centre is functioning at the residence of Shri S.R. Sukaswami (our S.S. Ramakrishnan's father). They meet on Sunday morning at 7:30 A.M. Now from this week they will meet on Wednesday evening also at 7:30

P.M. Feeling the need for a preceptor here, provisional permission was given this morning at 7:15 am to Shri K.R. Subramanian B.E. He has been a member of the Mission for four years, having joined the Viudhunagar centre in 1970. He is very active and very devoted. So on your behalf this was done. A provisional permission certificate may kindly be issued by you and posted direct to:

K.R. Subramanian B.E.
Inspector of Factories
30, Venkatramana Road
R.S. Puram
Coimbatore 641002

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Shahjahanpur
20th May 1974

The Manager
Allahabad Bank
City Office
Shahjahanpur

Dear Sir,

Please transfer Rs. 12,060/- (Rupees twelve thousand and sixty only) from our General Fund Savings Bank account No. 377/3 to Shri Ram Chandra Mission, Shahjahanpur, Madras centre account with Allahabad Bank, Madras.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Copy for information to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 11-E, North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras. This is in full payment of your bills No. 4228, 4256, 4262, 4300, 4306, 4316, 4326 and 4330. Kindly acknowledge the receipt in due course.

Ram Chandra

TELEGRAM **28th May 1974**

To: Sahaj Marg Shahjahanpur

KRISHNA PASSED IN FIRST CLASS BY YOUR GRACE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL HERE PLEASE INTIMATE

PARTHASARATHI

Madras

1st June 1974

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of copy of your letter ref. G/466/G/Trans/SRCM dated 20th May, 1974 addressed to the Manager, Allahabad Bank, Shahjahanpur with regard to transfer of a sum of Rs. 12,060/- to our account at Madras. We confirm having been advised by our bankers that the amount has since been credited to our account.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

No. C-537/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
2nd June 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your letter and telegram. I am very happy to learn from your letter that Chi. Krishna passed the examination and was placed in the 1st division. He is a fit candidate for I.A.S. and I want to see him so. I congratulate you. I am sending the provisional certificate to Shri K.R. Subramaniam direct.

I am seventy-five percent better in health and improving day by day but a new disease has developed and that is hernia on the right side. My mind exhausts very soon and headache starts even if I devote work for fifteen or twenty minutes.

I am sending you a copy of the letter sent to Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur. I have a faint recollection that you agreed to have the celebration in October. You are solely in charge of the work for the Mission and you may do whatever you think best for the Mission.

The marriage of Meera, daughter of Prakash Chandra Saxena, comes off on 24th June 1974. I am keeping in the envelope two invitation cards — one for you and the other for your father.

I am going to Calcutta on 12th June for four days in connection with the marriage.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. C-536/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**

2nd June 1974

My dear Raghavendra Rao,

The marriage ceremony of my granddaughter has been settled and it will be celebrated on June 24, 1974. I am sending you two invitation cards (one for yourself and the other for Shri Vittal Rao) in the same envelope.

I am improving in health but the mind gets puzzled and begins to feel headache if I work more than half an hour. After every fifteen days I have to send somebody to the doctor at Lucknow to inform him about my progress. The medicines prescribed by him are not available at Shahjahanpur, that is the other cause of sending someone to him.

In your last letter you have asked me to permit you all to celebrate my seventy-fifth birthday. I came to know that Mr. Parthasarathi is in favour of celebrating my eightieth birthday. Now what can be my opinion when it purely concerns me? I started the construction of Ashram building and want to complete it. This idea of Ashram was given to me by our able brothers and it was well and good. It seems necessary to have some building for the stay and comfort of our associates. To the associates my birthday celebration is important and to me Ashram. I am surprised how this birthday idea arose at this time in the mind of the associates when one started by me was not completed. They love their self more than my own self. What I started is not their duty to complete and what they want to start is my duty to agree. Why not the amount which you want to spend on the celebration of birthday be utilised on the construction of the Ashram building which is the most important factor, and which will have its own value in the future.

Love to children.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Copy to Shri P. Rajagopalachari, 11-E, North Street, Sri Ram Nagar, Madras.

PRIVATE

Shahjahanpur
5th June 1974

My Parthasarathi,

The work of the Ashram is going on and we see that the money is running short. Still we require two thousand bags of cement and eight tonnes of iron besides wood. I am therefore now badly in need of money.

I believe that you have received the amount (twelve thousand and sixty only) i.e. Rupees 12060/- for the price of the books you sent to me over here.

It was transferred on 20th May 1974 to Shri Ram Chandra Mission's account Allahabad Bank Madras. Please see if you have paid the price of the books already purchased from headquarters.

Please transfer Rupees 70000/- (Seventy thousand only) in the account of Shri Ram Chandra Mission Building Fund City Office Shahjahanpur Allahabad Bank (Building Fund Account No. 375/3).

I am so happy to inform you that Divine work has started coming to you. I know that you could not catch the work directly. So my Master has given it you through myself. Probably you remember that I have given you some work before starting for West. In spite of this I am giving you now two sets of work. Out of these two — one belongs to India alone and other is for Ceylon.

1) To remove *ahankara* from the minds of Brahmins.

2) The other work is for Ceylon, either I shall write to you or I will tell you when I come.

It is for the good of Ceylon and good relations between India and Ceylon, i.e. a preinformation to you.

Love to children.

Yours,
Ram Chandra

Confidential

Ceylon (work)

She should have good relations with India and India too should co-operate in it.

This is the first part of the work given exclusively to you and the rest will come afterwards.

Ram Chandra
5th June 1974

Madras
11th June 1974

Revered Master,

We have received an amount of Rupees 6,160/- as a personal donation for you from Mr. Palle Kousgaard and Mikala Erstad of Denmark. I am attaching herewith Allahabad Bank Demand draft No. 013219/21 dated 25th May 1974 drawn in your favour payable at the Shahjahanpur City Office for this amount. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

With Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Enclosure: as above.

P.S. Since the actual amount realised on the overseas demand draft is Rupees 6,196.55 we are handing you the difference of Rupees 36.55 by cash.

Madras
13th June 1974

My Beloved Master,

I hope you had a comfortable journey to Calcutta and back and that the travel has not caused any set-back in your health. I had sent you a cover with a Demand Draft and cash Rupees 36/55 through one of our company officers for delivery to you. I hope you received it.

I had planned to come to Calcutta in response to brother Shri Mimani's invitation. I went to the airport yesterday evening, but had to return disappointed as no seat was available on the plane. This is the second time that this has happened. The first time was when I planned to visit you during Basant Utsav. In the last twenty years this has never happened. I do not know the reason why I am prevented from going to you for Darshan and Blessings.

I am writing a book to be called *My Master*. It will be about you and your teaching. I hope to plan it to have two parts, the first part to be "The Man," and the second part of the same volume to be "The Master." I have completed four chapters and enclose them herewith. Please see if it is in the right manner and represents facts and teaching correctly. If you approve this, then I shall proceed with this idea. I hope to complete writing it by August end and if you approve, the publication can be taken up in September. Kindly let me have your opinion on Chapters I-IV as early as possible.

My headache is becoming more frequent and more intense too, often two attacks in a week. I have started Ayurvedic medicine under one of our abhyasis here who is a good Ayurvedic physician. I have started the work you have given to me, and await your clarification about Ceylon.

Last six months I am depressed and confused about my future. The two deaths in the family have added to this feeling. I feel I am at a crossroad in life but I don't know where the future is leading me to. I shall be grateful for your advice.

For Denmark, we need more preceptors. I recommend Mikala Erstad, sister of Vibe, and Jan Gravesen, husband of our preceptor Jytte Gravesen. Birthe and Vibe both approve of these two. If you approve I shall take up the work at once. Please write on this your instructions.

In USA good work is going on. I get frequent letters from Mrs. Grace Kimball, S.S. Ramakrishnan, Bill Waycott and others. Fred Weinstock seems to be in some health trouble. He has written to my father that he is having cancer (initial stages). **It will be helpful** if you can write a short letter to him.

All are well here, but we need your presence very much. Beloved Master please come in July at least.

I attach an extract from Fred Weinstock's letter as also a copy of my letter to him.

Love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Extract from Fred Weinstock's letter

I am writing to ask for your suggestions and hope also that you might be able to communicate with Master about my present situation here. Some months ago I learnt that I had cancer.

At first the condition was not advanced or serious and I have been doing everything I could for curing it through doctors, spiritual healers, etc. For a time it seemed to be healing, but recently I had learnt that it had reached a serious stage. My doctor has said that it is very possibly a sign that the illness has been cleaned out of the system. I also feel a lot of disturbances from heavy vibrations and tensions in the surrounding atmosphere which seem to be hindering recovery and possibly making things more serious. If you could talk or write to Master about it, it would be much appreciated.

Madras
13th June 1974

Mr. Fred Weinstock
2750 Gordon Street
Allentown
Pennsylvania

My dear friend,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd June and am sorry to note your present condition. I have today written to Master and I am sure he will do whatever is necessary. I would request you not to discuss this matter with any other preceptor or abhyasi there excepting Master or me. Master may or may not write to you but be sure that he will take care of you. It is better Master handles this matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

PRIVATE

No. C-740/SRCM

Shahjahanpur
24th June 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

I believe you have received my previous letter with a copy of the letter to Shri Raghavendra Rao. On my letter, Shri Raghavendra Rao has dropped the idea of celebrating the 75th birth-year. He has come here with a few associates to participate in the marriage of my granddaughter. I asked him the reason of celebrating the 75th birth-year. He gave the reply which was full of devotion. By this he meant to help in growing the ashram. You know, I am a bit extremist and at this time ashram is before me instead of God. I got God very easily but I am finding difficulty to get an ashram. He said that he will save Rs. 50,000/-, out of the income he gets which he will send for this ashram. If he approaches any business man for donation for the ashram, he says, "I cannot give anything as donation without consulting my higher ups, but I can give advertisements out of the allotted funds." So they are finding difficulty in collecting funds for the ashram by way of donation. The idea I appreciate, hence I want that you ponder over the matter again and come under the right decision.

The function will give a lot of publicity also and almost all the centres in A.P., Karnataka etc., are deserving to participate.

You at the present state, should try to co-operate with the chief personages of the Mission so that you may get co-operation from all quarters. It will smoothen your way of work. You have to do a lot of work, therefore, a lot of co-operation is needed.

I am getting better and better. You have not written to me whether you are taking the medicine prescribed by the Hakim here.

Hope to hear soon from you.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Madras
27th June 1974

Revered Master,

I have just received your letter No. C-740/SRCM dated 24th June. I did receive your earlier letter referred to therein. There seems to be some confusion regarding the earlier decision taken in respect of celebration of your 75th birthday. I would like to record various factors that influenced this decision:-

1. The first idea was to celebrate Master's 75th birthday in a selected North Indian centre on the birthday itself in 1974 and to celebrate it again in a selected South Indian centre for the second time in September/October this year.

2. In view of your ill health the celebration could not be held at a North Indian centre as planned. I therefore felt that if approval was given to celebrate the function in a South Indian centre this may only create complications.

3. Your health even until recently and probably even now is not fit enough to enable you to participate physically in such a function. I did not think that a function without your presence could be really successful particularly when it concerned your birthday.

4. In the last two years, practically all the Southern States in India have been facing extreme power cuts of up to 75 percent. Also raw materials have soared in some cases such as 300 to 400 percent. Added to this there has been a lot of labour unrest all over India. So much so industries and commercial organ-

isations have faced difficulties in 1973 and are facing perhaps a worse situation in 1974. Most organisations I know, have drastically cut their advertising budgets to between 15 and 30 percent of the 1972 levels.

We have also to consider the fact that writing paper which cost Rupees 1.25 per kilo two years ago is today costing nearly Rupees 4/- per kilo, and it is expected to rise even more. Similarly cardboards which were selling at Rupees 900/- per ton are today selling at Rupees 2400/- per ton. Any proposal to issue a souvenir will therefore face a serious handicap both on the revenue side and on the expenditure side. In the past whenever Madras centre undertook such publication of souvenirs, our own influence in business had helped us to get high priced advertisements. Today this is not the situation. I do not think any company will pay more than Rupees 50/- to Rupees 100/- for an insertion, and at this rate we will have to get at least a thousand advertisements before we can make any profit by publishing a souvenir.

However, I can clearly see from your letter that you wish this function to proceed and that you wish Shri Raghavendra Rao to be given approval for producing a souvenir. Acting on your instructions I have addressed him a letter today copy of which please find attached.

With your blessings the function will succeed.

With pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. I had written a letter on 13th with four chapters of a manuscript. I have no indication that this letter has been received by you.

27th June 1974

Shri Raghavendra Rao
Principal
Government Polytechnic
Raichur 584 101

Respected brother,

Re: Celebration of Master's 75th birthday

I revert to your kind letter dated 11th March on the above subject and my reply dated 14th March 1974. Master has recently advised me that he will consider your proposal to celebrate the 75th birthday favourably. In view of his improving health it is also likely that he can be personally present at such a function. This letter is to kindly request you to reconsider this matter again and fix up a date for celebration either in the month of November or February. The fixing of date is left to your convenience entirely. The above two months are only suggestions.

It is our experience that due to power cut, soaring cost of raw materials and a host of other adverse factors, commercial organisations are reluctant to sponsor any assistance either by way of donations or by way of advertisement. This factor may be taken in conjunction over the 200 percent increase in the cost of printing paper since last year, before deciding on publication of a souvenir. I await to hear from you your final decision in the matter and the date fixed for the celebration.

With love and best wishes,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master.

No. C-901/ SRCM

Shahjahanpur
4th July 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter dated the 13th June 1974. Regarding journey from Madras to Shahjahanpur I would say it is not your fault and you got the benefit as much as you would have been here. No reason can be given to it for your not coming over here. It is an accident.

I also received the book sent by you. I shall go through it, but it will be sent with some delay, because if I work more than an hour mind exhausts and I feel tired. I am almost free from pain but every fourteenth day I have to send Prakash to Lucknow to purchase medicine and intimate my condition to the doctor. This must be a good book what you have sent to me.

About the work of Ceylon I shall write some time after. It is a big work. Deaths and births are happening everywhere and nobody can stop it. When this is a part of work of God why should we feel depressed? What is the difference between a common man and a saint? The common man feels the agony of the events so he feels depressed, while the saint welcomes the trouble and feels happy thereby. He is happy under all circumstances.

It is of course a very sad event but it does not affect your bright future. Immense power is there in you if you brood over it, it may darken your future and that will be the misutility of power.

If there is necessity anywhere whether in Denmark or other places you may prepare the preceptors and I agree totally the persons you have taken for preceptorship, but have a list of them.

I am not prepared to have any such function in North India because we cannot manage and the people seem to me uninterested and the difficulties are there. You have done well to warn Shri Raghavendra Rao of the difficulties coming in this matter. In the first letter I had myself given the reasons of accepting it and it seems to me that I wrote that letter with foresightedness. May you live long to fulfil the hopes of the Mission.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

No. C-992 **Shahjahanpur**
19th July 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

I hope you have received my previous letter. What is the condition of your health? You are taking Ayurvedic medicines under an able physician who is our satsanghi also. I think it must be doing good. Chi. Umesh is very badly suffering from pain which runs from shoulder to back and his son's too almost in the same way. Please suggest the best doctor for his treatment and tell him that he should take medicines of that doctor regularly.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

P. Rajagopalachari
Madras
23rd July 1974

Mr. Jens Clausen
Glaciset 48
2800 Lyngby
Denmark

My dear Jens,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th July with two copies of the Certificate of Registration. It is good that this matter is over at last and that the Mission has now formal status in the State of Denmark. I am most grateful to you, Thomas, Vibe and others who have contributed to this.

We are all happy to note that your trip to Jutland went off successfully. With frequent visits everything must grow and with one additional preceptor there will also be some relief for you all in sharing the work.

I shall send the duplicate copy of the registration certificate to Master in due course.

Love to all of you,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master - with copy of certificate of
registration referred to above.
Please preserve the copy carefully. It may be
preferable to be framed and exhibited at the new
ashram at the appropriate time.

Madras
30th July 1974

Revered Master,

I am enclosing a true copy of a letter from Mr. Hans Jorgen Hvid, Viborg, Denmark, and my reply to it. I think a short letter from you to him will strengthen his mind and give him the confidence that he seems to need.

I have just received your postcard of the 19th yesterday afternoon. There is no significant change in my health. The headache is more frequent in its attack and sometimes more violent also but there is one change, that is, I feel that the time for improvement has now come. I have noted what you have said about Umesh. I shall speak to him and do whatever is necessary.

I trust you will visit Madras after the celebrations are over at Hyderabad. Mr. Poray has written to say that he will try to attend the celebration and it is possible that other overseas abhyasis may also come. It would therefore be very helpful if you could manage to come to Madras for fifteen days to be here with all of us at the same time.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
Monday 5th August 1974

My Beloved Master,

I am grateful to you for your previous letter. All are well here. My father had been on a visit to Kavali and Nellore centres — two days each — and returned a few days back. He is full of praise for the Kavali centre where the centre has grown to nearly 150 abhyasis. In Nellore also work is going on well. The Coimbatore centre is also growing and good response is there. The work in connection with the Hyderabad celebrations is also progressing.

Two persons have been granted provisional permission as per details given below. Kindly send them their certificates direct.

1) Mrs. Mikala Erstad
Ehlersvej 7
Hellerup 2900
Denmark
(Permitted for work on 12th July 1974)

2) Mr. Jan B. Gravesen
Fabriksvej 4
2000, Fredriksberg
Copenhagen
Denmark
(Permitted for work on 5th August 1974)

One more person is being considered for Jutland — Mr. Henrik Carlsen. He has been an abhyasi for two years and I understand he stayed with you at Shahjahanpur for two months. I have asked for a letter from him saying he is willing to undertake the work. After that his case will be taken up. I shall inform you later about this.

I hope you have sent provisional permission certificate to Shri K.R. Subramanian of Coimbatore.

I am sending you the Certificate of Registration issued by the Danish government, registering the Mission in Denmark. The registration number is 3223. Please keep this copy of the certificate carefully. It is preferable to frame it and hang it in the new ashram. I have a copy for my file here.

I am also sending you chapter V (Love) of my proposed book *My Master*. I think the book is coming along nicely. I await your comments.

Chi. Krishna has got admission in the Alagappa Chettiar College of Technology for a five year course in "Bachelor of Technology". He has started attending the Chemical Engineering classes there. By your Love and Grace he will fare well.

I feel great internal calmness — and this is increasing day by day, though at superficial level there is some irritation, etc.

Mrs. Birthe Haugaard has written to say that she and Mrs. Antoniette Bernardi, our preceptor at Rome, will both come to Shahjahanpur on 9th October for a twelve days stay. I have suggested that they can come to Hyderabad and then come to Madras where we hope you will stay for at least two weeks. Mr. Poray will come to Hyderabad. Our Pranams and my love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
17th August 1974

Revered Master,

Herewith attached a copy of my reply to Mrs. Stella Jaquerod. I hope you will immediately write to her and confirm your programme. What are your intentions? Mr. Vijayarangachari's brother has written to my father that you are flying from Madras to Hyderabad on the 22nd. If so, when are you reaching Madras? I hope you will at least come here by the middle of September so that you can spend a month with us.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P.S. I am also attaching a letter I have received for you from Mr. John Riise of Denmark.

17th August 1974

Exp. Stella Jaquerod (Mme.)
"Le Prieure"
1163 Etoy (VD)
Switzerland

Dear Madame Jaquerod,

I have just received your letter of the 11th August. Master is expected to be in Hyderabad on the 23rd, 24th and 25th October for his 75th birthday celebrations. There is indirect information from a source in Hyderabad saying that he will fly to Hyderabad from Madras on the 22nd. This implies that he will come to Madras earlier and then proceed to Hyderabad. However, I have no direct information from Master himself.

By a copy of this letter to Master I am requesting him to write to you direct about his programme so that you may suitably plan for your own visit to India.

Regarding climate, October will be quite hot generally and particularly in U.P. there are also likely to be rains and dust storms. It is perhaps preferable that you come to India if it is at all possible around the end of November or early December when the climate will be very congenial.

With best wishes to both of you,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master.

No. C-1161/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
26th August 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter 17th August 1974. The book *My Master* is very nicely written. I have gone through it. I am sending it by registered post. The second part shall be sent after some time. I have not informed you my present programme because I was not sure that my present programme will stand. So the signs for that are there. Birthe of Denmark has written to me that she will start along with three abhyasis for India on 6th October and I wanted to be at Madras on 16th October. I have written to her to change her programme in a way that she may be here in the beginning of October. If she does not change her programme then I shall reach Hyderabad on 22nd from Delhi. From there I shall start for Madras. I am sending you a few copies of the letters with their replies.

After closing the above letter I received a letter from Birthe that she would start with three abhyasis on 6th October from Denmark to India. Under the circumstances I have drawn my programme as follows. I shall be at Delhi on 20th day of October. From there I will start by air to Hyderabad on 22nd by any convenient aeroplane. I will decide at Hyderabad on which date I should reach Madras. I will stay at Hyderabad about a week because I have to purchase cheap cloth at Hyderabad for the marriage of Chi. Sarvesh Chandra.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

940 Sperling Avenue
Burnaby 2, B.C.
June 18, 1974

Shri Ram Chandra
Shahjahanpur, India

Dear Master,

Though you do not know me, I have been an abhyasi for a little over a year, introduced in April of last year by your preceptor Chris Langstaff. The reason that I am writing to you is that I am totally in despair. Despite a year of meditation and sittings from Chris and from Don and Jackie Sabourin, under your guidance, I find myself no more able to cope with my life than before. My bondage to my body is no less, my physical pain is greater than ever, particularly in meditation when my back invariably causes me intense pain. Though I once had five lights in my heart, now I have only a dim glimmering. Why is this, Master?

I have read some of the books on Sahaj Marg which the preceptors have brought back, and have found them confusing and demoralising. Your own autobiography seemed to say that if it were not for Lalaji's passing in to your being you would have been an empty and useless being after reaching whatever it is that you reached. Don Sabourin tells me stories of your great earthly powers, to raise storms and earthquakes, to kill men and to plunge them into grosser states than before. I fear your powers, Master, and I fear that, if this letter seems to you to be impertinent and offensive, that you will remove even my memories of hope. Why is this, Master? Should I not love you, and be grateful to you?

I thought that if I might come to you and sit at your feet, all would be well. But I have no resources to take me to India, nor have I any skills with which to become suddenly wealthy enough to do so. Though my household was once made up of three abhyasis, now one has fallen away, one has moved out, after ceasing to communicate with us, and I am in peril of my being. I have sought for corroboration of my hopes and beliefs in other ones, in astrology and the study of hands, but all the books I read contradict each other and show only that each man has different points of view than all others. Though I know we are all brothers, I can not feel the truth of this. What am I supposed to be doing, Master?

I have tried to free myself of tobacco addiction, which seems to me a burden, but perhaps I am wrong, for you are the Master, and you smoke a great deal of tobacco. You have said, "I take poison, but if I can give you nectar, you ought to take it." This is of little help to me — is tobacco only an evil if I think it is an evil? Can its bad effects be forestalled by positive thoughts? I can sometimes not distinguish between the pain in my lungs and the points in my heart.

Please do not be offended by my complaints. I know that time passes, and that all these things too will pass. But I had great hopes for myself and Sahaj Marg, and this hope seems to be failing me. Don Sabourin seems more concerned with the setting up of the external Mission, with its foolish papers and seals and rules of order, than with helping those of us who are in difficulties. He only says, "That's good, the pain comes from the Master, be thankful for it." Is it true, then, that it is your wish that I should despair, that you desire my rage and my grief, require me to suffer more greatly than ever in a life that has not one year in it which I would live again, even to prevent immediate death.

Don also says that he has written to you to ask that you extinguish him. He seems to look upon you as someone who must be constantly prodded and pushed so that you will raise him more quickly along the path. Is this true, Master? Must I come to you and then demand or beg of you that which would surely come of its own accord, is that your will? Don has no answers, he only laughs at my pain, and tells me of his marvellous dreams and the feelings in his heart. Another abhyasi who does not ever meditate has his heart opened, while I beat my head against the wall. What is my crime, Master? Am I paying for something my grandfather did? I have no knowledge of "previous lives" in any connection than that.

Mrs. Sabourin said I should write, that you would be able to tell we whatever I need to know. Please do not scorn my pleas. I must have help, for I cannot help myself any more.

Your humble servant,

A.J. Born

No. C-999/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**

24th July 1974

My dear Born,

Received your letter dated the 18th June 1974. Spirituality has its own concern and its own value. It transforms a man if he makes field for its display. We feel the agony of pain and suffering due to the idea of physical body deep-rooted. We give food to the physical body for the health, but we keep the soul hungry and that is why confusion is the result.

There are six schools of philosophy in India. All of them differ from each other, because it is their independent work. These philosophies have been written from the mental plane and not from the Divine plane. When a man enters into divinity all these things vanish and doubt is removed. I also wrote something and gave my own views. They may be confusing to you because my views differ from all above. But you have given the word "demoralising" for my books because you have viewed it with your own angle of vision which is suspicious.

There is a sacred vow among the saints of India that they will not use the spiritual power for destruction out of their own accord. The spirituality is reserved for those who enter in the battlefield of spirituality with shield and not with sword.

The science may give comfort to the humanity but not the peace. Those who want to live with peace and in peace they will have to come under the banner of spirituality. There is no other way. You seem to be besmeared with contrary thoughts and each branch of it doubles the confusion. Discard these things then you will be able to take the other side. If you are doing practice earnestly I believe you are not losing but gaining something and this is the experience of so many here. One man runs to reach the destination and the other walks and reaches the destination, what is the difference? One saves his time and the other spends the time. If you are for God, He will be for you. "Surrender unto Him," then you will feel that your complaints are all gone.

Pains and ailments are paraphernalia of humanity, that is why yogis of India have tried not to be born again. If we sacrifice one life to save thousands after it, then it is wisdom not sin.

Do and reap.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Max Braun
Weisbaden
Aukammallee 19
30th June 1974

My dear Ram Chandra,

We have received your letter and thank you very much for your help. My father is now back at home from hospital, but he is still in bed, because he is not able to be up longer than a few minutes.

My father would like to know, how he can work together with you for his recovery. Do you have a special mantram or a special way of praying, or concentrating. We were very sorry that you have been ill, and hope and wish you also a good recovery.

We want to thank you for your help you have given us and beg you to help us more.

My father had an abscess at the stomach, but this is now good and now more to see, he is very weak.

We hope to hear soon from you. Will you be sometimes again in Germany, then we invite you to be our guest together with Mr. Rajagopalachari.* Please say him also our hearty greetings.

Yours sincerely,
Max Braun

We send you with mail order 100 DM.

No. C-1026/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
28th July 1974

My dear Max Braun,

Received your affectionate letter dated 30th June 1974. I thank you very much that you have invited me to be your guest together with Mr. Rajagopalachari. We will decide and inform you.

I am glad to hear from you that father is now well. I shall devote few minutes in giving him energy. There are ways in spirituality also for cure.

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* Underline added by Babuji along with this note in the margin, "Parthasarathi, please note for the next tour to consider over it"

I am writing the one which is easiest. He should sit in a certain pose thinking that the whole of the disease is going out. Five or ten minutes for it is sufficient. After it, he should sit in meditation for five or ten minutes thinking that the required energy is developing and the diseases are being cured.

I am happy to note that you are sending 100 DM by mail order as donation for the Mission. I shall spend on the construction of the ashram for our associates to stay there.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Copy of letter dated 18th June 1974 from Johanna Woitschach, 78 Freiberg im Breisgau, Dimmlerstrasse 26, West Germany to Shri Ram Chandra, Shahjahanpur.

It's long time since I have seen you during your stay with Mrs. and Mr. Koch in Zarten. It was a short love with their Institute for Psychic Research. They now seem to seek in the direction of Maharajji so that there is no continuity in the work. And since Mr. Rajagopalachari does scarcely answer I try to write you directly.

It was some days ago that there were a Swiss couple to visit me and they complained the money making Indian "Yogis" with their philosophy ready for consumption. At the other hand they regretted of not having other possibilities for spiritual retirement than a holy chaste life forever.

So I intend to make them know of your spiritual way of life from which I know, it's not published to make money and does not compel to *brahmacharya* life at once.

Therefore I have four questions:

1. Would it — and at what conditions — be possible to visit you at some time in the future, perhaps for a quarter or half a year?

2. Have you something as stipendiums for poor people as I am, because I myself want to proof the practice you give. I am student without parents and friends and I live with a stipendium given by the German State. Perhaps that I could something work.

3. We would not look for some yoga acrobatic but only for the internationalisation of the atmosphere of your ashram.

4. When do you perhaps want to come again in Europe, so that we could speak personally about this question and the conclusions they involve.

I would be very glad to get an answer from you.

No. C-1071/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
7th August 1974

My dear Johanna Woitschach,

Received your letter dated 18th June, 1974. I was taken seriously ill for about six months. Now I have recovered and have taken up my work from 1st August 1974. I presume that I have not given you or anybody the idea of money and I have travelled all along in Europe with my own money we could accumulate for the tour. My object of going to Europe and other countries was only to give them a method which brings peace ultimately. I charge no fee for the spiritual training under the condition it cannot be said that all Indian yogis go to exact money from the West. All that glitters is not gold. Suppose some Indian saint comes to you and gives you benefit of spirituality and charges something for his livelihood. Is it not proper?

1. You are welcome whenever you want to come, but inform me beforehand so that you may find me here.

2. Funds do not allow us to help the poor, still I do to a certain extent.

3. Whatever you say I agree with it. I prescribed inner meditation and help the abhyasi by transmission which transforms a man.

4. If circumstances favour me I will take up tour of Europe in the year 1975.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Madras
28th August 1974

My Beloved Master,

I hope you are well. We are all anxiously awaiting news of your arrival. But no letters from you. The last letter from you was dated 4th July 1974!

I hope you have received my following letters:

1. of 30th July 1974 re: Mr. Hans Hvid of Denmark.

2. of 5th August 1974 re: Mrs. Mikala Erstad and Mr. Jan B. Gravensen being granted provisional permission. I hope the certificates have been sent to them, as also to Mr. K.R. Subramanian of Coimbatore.

3. of 17th August 1974 requesting your programme.

By the time this letter arrives at Shahjahanpur, my father would have arrived. He will give you this letter. The book *My Master* is completed, and one bound copy of type script is sent herewith. **I will be most grateful and happy if you could provide an introduction to be published in the book.** It may be on the subject of the Master! I hope you will kindly do this

— and let me have it by 25th September latest. I think the book has come out very well — it is one more sign to me of your Grace, Love and benevolence which you are showering upon me. Please read Part II, I would like you specially to read the following and comment, if necessary.

Page 94 - line 13 to 18

Page 99 - line 1, 2 and 3.

Page 162 - lines from bottom. "If you concentrate upon God you cannot see Him because there is no thought." Please amplify or explain in one or two sentences, for greater clarity.

Other things I believe are all right. I am giving the book to the Press and hope they will start composing work soon. Since the book will be over 200 printed pages, and materials are very expensive, the price will be Rupees 15/- for calico binding and Rupees 12/- for ordinary binding, per copy. I think it can be ready by November end, so that the book can be released during next Basant Utsav to coincide with the opening of our new ashram. I trust this has your approval. I am starting work of preparing Henrik Carlsen of Jutland, Denmark for provisional permission. It seems he spent one month or so last year with you. He has written asking to be given work, and agreeing to work for the Mission. When the work is completed I shall write to you so that the certificate can be sent.

We are all well here. We will go to Madurai for ten days leaving here on 1st September, and coming back by the 13th or so.

Since Mrs. Haugaard and Toni of Rome are coming to you, I don't think you will come to Madras before 15th October. And if you are to fly on 22nd to Hyderabad, you will be with us for only one week! It is too short, unless you will come back again to Madras from Hyderabad.

Please do let me have your personal introduction to the book. I will be very happy to have it.

Chi. Umesh had some small accident when he was at Hyderabad on company work last week. He is well. Chi. Sarvesh was here for three days. He too is well, though he had minor digestion troubles.

Please write in detail.

Pranams and love.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

P. Rajagopalachari
Madras
28th August 1974

Mr. Henrik Carlsen
Haurholmvej 100A
Guldager
9800 Hjørring
Denmark

Dear Henrik,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th. Since you have agreed to work for the Mission and to dedicate yourself to Master's work, I am happy to inform you that you have been granted provisional permission to work as a preceptor of the Mission to train people in spirituality under the system of Sahaj Marg. You may therefore immediately start work by our method of transmission. I hope the people of Denmark will be benefited by your presence and that your work will contribute to their spiritual growth. I pray for Master's blessings on you.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
P. Rajagopalachari

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur.

Madras
31st August 1974

Revered Master,

I have just received your letter of the 26th August along with the manuscript for the four chapters sent to you as also the sheet of suggestions for corrections. I had written to you on the 28th with the complete manuscript of the book which has been sent addressed to my father to be handed over to you. In the meantime the book has been handed over to press and I think they will commence work around the 10th of September so that the first galley proofs will be ready by the 15th September. I am leaving for Madurai tomorrow and I will be back about that time. I therefore hope that you will let me have your comments and suggestions for Part II and chapter 5 of Part I so that corrections may be incorporated in the proof stage. I have also received your confidential note along with your above letter.

Regarding Johanna Woitschach, she has written to me several letters all of which I have replied. Unfortunately she goes on asking peculiar questions which it is difficult to reply. I think her main interest is sex.

I note that you will now arrive in Madras probably only by the 28th October. This will put me in difficulties because a British director of our Virudhunagar factory is to come to India and will be leaving only on the 7th November so that I have to travel with him all over South India until he leaves. I hope therefore that you will stay for a minimum period till the end of November as otherwise I will not be able to be with you while you are at Madras. Please therefore plan to leave Madras only by the end of November.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-1198/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
3rd September 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter which gave me a good deal of pleasure. You have rightly read yourself that you feel a great internal calmness. Tonight dated 31st August you will find yourself at the third ring of splendour. You please note in your diary. There comes the time when calmness is lost in itself and I am waiting for that time. When you cross all the rings then I will see if I should take 'Koshas'. I have gone through the chapter on love. It is marvellously written. There are typewriting slips that you may correct. I struck a few lines of the first para which must not be included in your books because I do not want to put this idea in the minds of associates (specially the Western people) that the method can become dangerous. I also made a note in it to delete.

I have sent the certificate to Subramaniam of Coimbatore. You have made two preceptors in Denmark. I want to send their certificates with Mrs. Birthe Haugaard to save the postal expenses, who is coming here recently.

My programme for South is as follows.

On 20th October 1974 I shall be in Delhi probably by day train. On 22nd October I shall start by air and will reach Hyderabad the same day. There I will decide the date of coming to Madras. The programme sent by Mrs. Birthe is attached herewith.

Your father reached here safely with two associates. Dr. H.G. is thoroughly satisfied with the teaching of the Mission. He is willing to work in his country. Your father agrees with me that he should be made preceptor.

You have replied to Mr. Hans Jorgen nicely. When he will write to me direct I will reply to him taking your views.

Love to children.

Enclosures:

1- Chapter of love.
2- Copy of letter and its reply.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

CONFIDENTIAL

Madurai
5th September 1974

My Beloved Master,

You must have received the letter I sent through my father, as also the one I wrote on 30th just before leaving Madras. We are here now for last four days. We will leave this place on 13th for Madras.

Yesterday I visited the new centre at Rajapalayam and conducted satsangh there. About twenty local members were present. Shri V.J. Chandrasekhar, preceptor of Madurai centre, and Shri. B. Rajagopal of Virudhunagar centre accompanied me. The Rajapalayam centre will grow best. I shall visit it as often as I can.

Here in Madurai there are some problems because of Mr. G.S. Mani. He has created lot of ill feeling in abhyasis by his bad behaviour and groupist tendencies. There are complaints that he gives sittings only to his own group. To others he refuses. He also tells lies that he is not at home, when he is really inside. He asks people to come but disappoints them. I had a frank talk with Shri Thasma Swamy, preceptor-in-charge about these matters. Shri Thasma Swamy is quite unhappy about all this, but I think he will not be able to control the situation here. I am told Mr. Mani does not even attend Sunday satsangh at the centre unless I am in Madurai. And when he is not there, his group also stays away. I believe he is angling to have his wife made a preceptor. People say that he will attend Chi. Sarvesh's marriage with his wife only for this purpose. Please **do NOT** make her a preceptor. This will spoil the atmosphere here completely. Shri Thasma Swamy told me that someone had sent Rs. 200/- from Calcutta. Mr. Mani made the receipt for this in his own name. Recently, for the Hyderabad celebration, he has issued donation receipts **without** receiving cash. I wonder how receipts are issued without money being received. Mr. Mani pretends to be most sincere and most devoted but all his actions are otherwise. He has irritated a number of abhyasis by his cheap talk and bad behaviour. He criticises senior preceptors in a cheap manner, talking as if in an amusing manner, but really with malice. I have advised him again and again, but I don't see any change, or even any evidence of desire for change. Therefore I am writing this to you. It seems he does not attend satsangh when Brother J.R. Doreswami Iyer conducts it, but sits in another room, saying that he is giving **in absentia** transmission to the hundreds of abhyasis that **you have placed under him!** as also to centres that you have made him responsible for! It is really a fantastic tale.

Many abhyasis are bitterly complaining about this, and are highly critical of the choice of preceptors. I think Mr. Mani is aware that abhyasis are complaining about him to me. Mr. Thasma Swamy is afraid that if he talks to Mr. Mani about all this, Mr. Mani may leave the Mission, and also do adverse propaganda against the Mission. He is also afraid that a sizeable group may leave the Mission along with Mr. Mani if matters are pressed. I have told him that as head of this centre, local discipline is his responsibility, and that he must do as he thinks but in the best interests of the Mission. I request you to write to Mr. G.S. Mani suitably, as also a letter to Shri Thasma

Swamy. I shall try to do something without creating any serious friction or a rupture.

Mr. Mani, by his music and outwardly friendly behaviour has become friends with a large number of preceptors and abhyasis all over India. He receives, I feel, a good deal of correspondence from all over India, and is invited by other centres to visit them. All this popularity has gone to his head.

I am sorry to write to you about these matters, but your intervention is necessary. I think we have to be quite strict with Mr. Mani at this stage. He has a great deal of personal influence with a group of people, and he is quite capable of creating a rift here for his own selfish ends. Sometimes I wonder if he really knows what he is doing, because on the surface he is so sincere and dedicated — or appears to be so.

My father writes that you are still very weak. Please do look after your health.

Bari Bahu and Krishna send you their love and Pranams.

With Love,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-1224/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
9th September 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Received your affectionate letter dated 31st August, 1974. I believe you have received programme of the West which starts from 15th September 1974 to 7th February 1975. You know well that we should welcome them in every way if we want to start work in Western countries. They have already reserved their tickets in the aeroplanes.

I have fixed the date of reaching at Hyderabad already. My work at Hyderabad may be finished up to 28th October 1974. Afterwards I can set out to Madras. I would have postponed that at this time but because Umesh wants me to be there on account of his illness. I would have stayed at Madras till you come from your tour but on account of the ashram it does not seem to be possible. Here every time the money in thousands is needed which nobody can draw except myself; still I am trying to be there till your return from tour. I want your tour may be successful. Do not feel disturbed if I may not be physically with you at this time. I feel that I am with you inner and out, hence, there is no question of separation.

I am going through the manuscript book and I will try to send it within a week. I don't think it proper to write preface of the book because I will be praising myself in this way. If you say I may send it to Mr. S.P. Srivastava.

Your father is doing well.

Love to children.

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

Camp Madurai
11th September 1974

Revered Master,

I hope you have received my previous letter and that you are in good health. My father writes that you are still weak.

This morning provisional permission was granted on your behalf to

Shri R.A. Meenakshisundaram
6/7 Thamba Pillai Street

Rajapalayam
Tamil Nadu

He will take charge of the centre of the Mission at Rajapalayam. Kindly issue to him the provisional permission certificate. He will commence work tomorrow. He travels throughout this state and will do useful work.

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
1st October 1974

H.H. Shri Ram Chandraji Maharaj
President
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
Mohala Diwan Jograj
Carewgunj
Shahjahanpur 242 001

Revered Babuji Maharaj,

With your approval the book *My Master* written by me is under print. I am now taking the liberty of dedicating this publication to the Shri Ram Chandra Mission. All rights of publication of this book shall vest entirely with the Mission absolutely. And all income arising out of such publication shall belong solely to the Mission, and I shall have nothing to do with it now or in the future. World rights of translation and publication in other languages shall also vest in the Mission and income from such translations and publications shall accrue solely to the Mission.

I request you to accept this small token of my love for you and my esteem for the Mission from which I have derived such enormous spiritual benefit.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

Madras
4th October 1974

My Beloved Master,

I have had no letters from you for some time now. I hope you received my letters from Madurai. I also hope that you have sent the provisional permission certificate to the new person at Rajapalayam, Shri R.A. Meenakshi Sundaram who was given provisional permission on 11th September 1974.

This morning, on your behalf I have given provisional permission to Shri K. Ramachandra Reddy of Nellore. He will start work at Nellore centre from tomorrow. His address is:

Shri K. Ramachandra Reddy
R. Subba Reddy Street,
Lakshmipuram,
Nellore -2- (Andhra Pradesh)

A certificate may kindly be sent to him.

Regarding Denmark, there are three new preceptors for whom certificates may be handed over to Mrs. Birthe.

1) Mikala Erstad, granted permission on 12th July 1974.

2) Jan B. Gravesen, granted permission on 5th August 1974.

3) Henrik Carlsen, granted permission on 28th August 1974.

I will be in Madras only when you come from Hyderabad as my boss's son has himself suggested that someone else should accompany our British director to Coimbatore, Virudhunagar etc. So please come on 28th or 29th and stay till at least Diwali. Many abhyasis of Madras centre have decided not to go to Hyderabad — they will donate the money so saved to the Mission. They all hope that you will therefore come to Madras and grant them your darshan.

I have noted that you have put me in the third ring of Splendour on 31st August night. You told me my *Annamaya Kosha* has already been broken. I am trying to do the work you have given me. I hope that you find same result. Please guide me.

I shall arrive at Hyderabad on 22nd to be with you in your Divine Presence. All are well at home by your Grace. Shri Vira Raghavan has been unwell for last fifteen days but is better now.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

(Strictly Confidential)

8th October 1974

Revered Master,

Re: Enquiry into conduct of Shri M.D. Jahagirdar, preceptor-in-charge of Chennapatna centre.

About ten days back I had received a letter from Shri N.R. Narayana, who has been nominated organiser of the Mission at Kollegal centre. His letter hinted that there were some differences of opinion between the Kollegal abhyasis and Shri M.D.

Jahagirdar. Shri N.R. Narayana related that the Kollegal abhyasis used to go practically every week to Shri M.D. Jahagirdar for satsangh, and his letter hinted at the fact that demands were being made both by Shri Jahagirdar and his wife for favours in cash and kind which were increasing and which the abhyasis were feeling as ever-increasing burdens on themselves. Shri Narayana sought an interview with me for this purpose which I agreed to. Shri Narayana then wrote a second letter that he would be bringing with him Shri R.P. Nanjundiah of the Chennapatna centre, and accordingly they both came and met me on Sunday the 6th October. We had a long discussion for nearly three hours and the substance is as follows:-

1. Since 1968 Shri Nanjundiah has been working practically as a personal servant of Shri Jahagirdar. He had not been allowed to go even to his home on several occasions and this has led to great hardship in his family.

2. Shri Nanjundiah states that between 1968 and the middle of 1974 Shri Jahagirdar has demanded and taken from him in various forms of goods such as milk, provisions, silk cloth, etc., etc. to the tune of over Rupees 20,000/-.

3. Shri Narayana has substantiated this by producing certain correspondence in which Shri Jahagirdar has requested Shri Nanjundiah to provide accounts for reimbursement of concerned amount.

4. Shri Narayana suspected this when Shri Jahagirdar made available to him a large sum of money for investment in business at Kollegal in three or four instalments. Shri Jahagirdar used to enter these payments to Shri Narayana in an account book. On one occasion recently, Shri Jahagirdar requested Shri Narayana to return Rs. 5,000/- of the total in cash. Shri Narayana accordingly went from Kollegal to Chennapatna to return this amount in cash, but when he requested Shri Jahagirdar to give him the notebook to enter this amount Shri Jahagirdar refused to do so. This made Shri Narayana suspi-

cious and subsequently he has found that Shri Jahagirdar's behaviour in respect of money and abhyasis' possessions has not been proper and in keeping with his position as a preceptor of this Mission.

Shri Narayana first wrote to the preceptor of Bangalore, Shri Janardhan, pointing out that he had many grievances against Shri Jahagirdar and requesting his intervention, but brother Shri Janardhan replied saying that if there were such grievances or misunderstandings they could only be the fault of Shri Narayana himself and that Shri Narayana should therefore settle this with Shri M.D. Jahagirdar.

Thereupon Shri Narayana wrote a letter to brother Shri S.A. Sarnad of Gulbarga, who replied more or less in the same fashion as Shri Janardhan of Bangalore.

After this brother Shri Narayana wrote a letter to Shri Raghavendra Rao of Raichur requesting his intervention but brother Shri Raghavendra Rao replied that he could not go to Chennapatna at this moment because of the impending celebrations at Hyderabad and requested Shri Narayana to try to solve these differences with Shri Jahagirdar.

In the meantime Shri Nanjundiah has written a very detailed letter to brother Shri Raghavendra Rao detailing all his troubles and requesting deliverance. Shri Nanjundiah has stated in that letter that out of Rupees 26,000/- he had realised out of sale of land he had practically lost the whole amount under Shri Jahagirdar's service. Brother Shri Raghavendra Rao did not reply to Shri Nanjundiah and no reply was received until they came to Madras on the 6th. However it seems that just before they left Chennapatna for Madras, brother Shri M.D. Jahagirdar one day came to Shri Nanjundiah's shop and in a very friendly way asked for full details of all supplies of provisions, milk, clothing, etc., made by Shri Nanjundiah himself so that he could settle up his accounts. Brother Nanjundiah replied that what he had done he had done thinking brother M.D. Jahagirdar to be Master. His only sorrow was that not only he had lost all the money but his spiritual condition was also empty. As Shri Nanjundiah put it in his letter to Shri Raghavendra Rao, his condition is totally empty both inside and outside. This sudden visit of Shri Jahagirdar to Shri Nanjundiah gave the impression to both Shri Narayana and Shri Nanjundiah that even though brother Shri Raghavendra Rao had not replied to Shri Nanjundiah's letter he must have written to Shri Jahagirdar and this was the cause of his sudden visit and anxiety to settle accounts.

When they visited me on Sunday the 6th, Shri Nanjundiah said that had it not been for his family he would have committed suicide because a stage had come when he had no business, no provisions and no means of livelihood. He was however able to get back Rupees 2,050/- from Shri Jahagirdar by which he has set up a small shop.

Brother Nanjundiah added that the first victim of Shri M.D. Jahagirdar had been Shri K.V. Abhaya Kumar who seems to have contributed a lot of money and goods to brother Jahagirdar's household. It appears that soon after these things came out in the open brother Jahagirdar sent for Shri Abhaya Kumar by telegram and they had a personal talk details of which are not known.

According to Shri Nanjundiah brother, Shri Ramachandra Rao of Bangalore is another similar sufferer. Apart from these, various sums of money spent by Kollegal abhyasis is as follows:-

Shri J. Ramakrishna Naidu	approximately	Rs. 500-00
Shri N.R. Narayana Kollegal	approximately	Rs 500-00
Shri V. Ramakrishna	also over	Rs. 300-00
Other abhyasis	approximately	Rs. 200-00
	Total about	Rs. 1500-00

Shri M.D. Jahagirdar has recently transferred Rs. 1,000/- on 23rd September to Shri N.R. Narayana's account requesting him to disburse amounts to those concerned who had made supplies to him. This further strengthens the belief that Shri Jahagirdar's action is as a result of a letter that he must have received from Shri Raghavendra Rao.

Coming to the final point, both these abhyasis have stated that everyone in Bangalore, Chennapatna, Kollegal and surrounding territories are very afraid of brother Shri Jahagirdar for the following reasons:-

a) He is a police official and therefore can do them immense harm, whether they deserve it or not;

b) He has been threatening that he can completely brainwash people by spiritual means so that they will remember nothing;

c) In brother Shri Narayana's presence he has declared a threat that he will wipe off the Kollegal and Hanur centres which are being looked after by brother Shri Narayana;

d) He has also stated that Shri Narayana was made an organiser for Kollegal on his own recommendation and has threatened that he will have him removed from that position if Shri Narayana creates any trouble.

Shri Nanjundiah further added that there is a general feeling that brother Shri M.D. Jahagirdar is using some power to mesmerise or hypnotise people because whenever people come to his house and are within his compound they become his slaves and spend money freely whenever asked, which they regret when they go out of his compound. Shri Jahagirdar is reported to have received continuous supplies of milk on a daily basis of two *seers* for the last six years from brother Nanjundiah. Apart from this brother Nanjundiah has been supplying almost all items for the household such as bedspreads, provisions, etc. Brother Nanjundiah's mother has been used as a domestic servant in Shri Jahagirdar's house for heavy manual work so that after one day's work in Shri Jahagirdar's house she has to take one week's rest as alleged by Shri Nanjundiah. Shri Narayana also testified that abhyasis of Kollegal centre have even supplied items like furniture etc., to Shri Jahagirdar's house. Also whenever Shri Jahagirdar went alone or with other abhyasis to Kollegal or Bangalore or elsewhere, the bus charge had to be borne for the whole party by brother Nanjundiah himself. I am sorry to state that on the evidence of the two gentleman who came to see me even the *kurtas* made for you and presented to you by Shri M.D. Jahagirdar were given from abhyasis funds as also occasional presents of saris to Sister Kasturi.

I have been debating whether to write this letter or not knowing how much sorrow it is going to cause you, but I am nevertheless reporting the matter to you for further investigation since corrupt practices by preceptors, particularly those in charge of centres, will even destroy whatever work is being done. What action is to be taken, if any, is for you to decide. I would suggest that this matter be investigated personally by you either at Hyderabad or at Madras during your forthcoming visit when Shri Raghavendra Rao, Shri M.D. Jahagirdar, and Shri N.R. Narayana and Shri Nanjundiah will all be present.

I have been furnished with several items of correspondence, telegrams, etc., which have been submitted in evidence and I shall bring these to Hyderabad for use during the investigation, if necessary. If you consider further investigation to be appropriate please let me have your instructions, if any, in this matter.

I am enclosing a spare copy of this letter in case you wish to send one to Shri Raghavendra Rao for information. I have not referred this matter direct to him.

Pranams.

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Madras
10th October 1974

Revered Master,

I am in receipt of your circular ref. C-1268/SRCM of the 30th September 1974 containing new accounting instructions and procedures. I have some suggestions to offer which I had already told you many years ago particularly in respect of accounting of sale of books:-

a) Wherever books are transferred to centres this should not be billed but a separate stock transfer note should be passed.

b) The bills should be used only where actual cash realisation is involved on sale of books. This was suggested, as I have stated earlier, many years ago to brother Raizada but no action was taken. This way of accounting stock transfer between branches of a company is very common in business practice and is a recognised procedure.

c) Physical verification of stocks: Is it necessary that any specific person should be appointed for this or any preceptor would do? Please clarify.

d) Donations: What exactly is the head "Corpus of the Mission" and how is it different from general donations? Kindly clarify.

e) Audit of Centre's account: Your further instructions in this matter are awaited.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

No. C-1314/SRCM **Shahjahanpur**
12th October 1974

My dear Parthasarathi,

Yesterday I received a letter from Elider Davies that Vera Davies expired. I really felt very sorry for her sad demise. You must send a condolence letter on behalf of Shri Ram Chandra Mission. I am also sending him a letter. I received your long letter just now. I shall reply it afterwards.

Yours sincerely,
Ram Chandra

Shahjahanpur
14th October 1974

Shri P. Rajagopalachari
"Gayathri", 11/E North Street
Sri Ram Nagar
Madras 600 018

My dear Parthasarathi,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 1st October by which you wish to grant the world rights of publication of the book *My Master* written by you in English and in any other translation to the Mission and the income from such publication is to accrue solely to the Mission. I appreciate your offer and accept the same.

With blessings,

Yours affectionately,
Ram Chandra

26th November 1974

Mr. Elidir L.W. Davies
Chartered Architect
Hesmonds Oast
East Hoathly
Sussex, U.K.

Dear Mr. Davies,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th November 1974. My father Mr. C.A. Rajagopalachari confirms that he has no pending account for settlement. As far as the Mission accounts are concerned, I am referring this to our Master for his advice.

With kind regards,

Yours,
In the service of the Master,
P. Rajagopalachari
General Secretary

cc. Revered Master, Shahjahanpur - with copy of Mr. Davies' letter.

Madras
19th December 1974

Revered Master,

Two of our fixed deposits totalling Rs. 50,000/- are maturing on the 3rd January 1975. These fixed deposits in the bank earn interest varying from 8 percent for one to three years to 10 percent for over sixty-one months. It is now proposed, subject to your approval and consent, to invest this amount in a limited company offering interest at 14% per annum for deposit for a period of three years. If you approve of this, kindly let me have your approval in writing to enable us to proceed further in this matter.

Clause 5(d) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mission reads

"The funds of the Mission in part or in whole shall in no case be laid out in any kind of business for material of monetary gains."

Inasmuch as the amount is only proposed to be deposited in fixed deposit it will not violate this article, as a deposit with a limited company is in no way different from a deposit with a bank. I await your comment per return of post.

Pranams,

Yours affectionately,
Parthasarathi

Glossary

AHANKARA (or AHANKAR): Egotism.

ANNAMAYA KOSHA: Physical sheath, or food sheath (matter).

AUGARH: A level of saintliness.

BAHU: Daughter-in-law, in Hindi.

BASANT PANCHAMI (or VASANT PANCHAMI): Fifth day of spring in the lunar calendar. It is also Lalaji's birthday.

BRAHMACHARYA: Celibacy.

BRAHMAN (or BRAHM): Creator, God, Centre, Ultimate.

BRAHMANDA (or BRAHMAND): Astral world, Cosmos.

BRAHMANDA MANDAL (or BRAHMANDA DESH): Mental sphere, supramaterial sphere, cosmic region; sphere where everything manifests under a subtle shape before taking place in the material world.

CHAULTRY: A free rest house for pilgrims or travellers.

CRORE: One crore is ten million (10,000,000).

DARSHAN: Vision of someone's inner Reality.

DHARAMSHALA (or DHARAMSALA): A hostel where spiritual pilgrims can stay free of charge.

GHERAO: When an official is locked up in his office and prevented from leaving it, with workers blocking ingress and egress into the premises of the office or factory, he is said to be "gheraoed".

HAKIM: A Muslim doctor.

JASB: Feeling (inner).

KARMA: Action.

KHWAJA BIL QASIM NURUL KHUDA: Name of a person.

KOSHAS: Sheaths - the five sheaths known as: food sheath, breath sheath, mind sheath, knowledge sheath and bliss sheath.

KRIYA: Action. The ritual actions performed after a person dies.

KURTA: A long shirt.

LAKH: One hundred thousand (100,000).

LATIFA: A joke.

LAYA: Dissolution.

LAYAVASTHA (or LAYA AVASTHA): The state of merging.

MAIDAN: A large piece of land.

MAYA: Phenomenal appearance. It is really a power of God. All manifestation or expansion which seems illusory is the play of Maya. Illusion.

NAMASKAR: Respectful salutation bowing; also used while greeting someone.

NAZRANA: A gift or tribute.

PIND PRADESH (or PIND DESH): Material sphere; the heart region.

PRANAM: Respectful salutation; obeisance.

PUJA: Religious traditional practice (in Sahaj Marg the meditation practice).

SAKTH: Strict, hard, tough.

SALIK: Worship of the formless.

SAMSKARA (or SANSKAR): Impressions; grossness.

SANTHA: Spiritual tradition; organisation; group.

SATSANGH (or SATSANG): Spiritual assembly; being with Reality.

SATSANGHI: Member of a spiritual organisation; one who participates in SATSANGH.

SEER (or SER): an Indian unit of weight, (about 2 pounds, or .92 kilograms).

SHABE QUADIR: Divine right.

UPANAYANAM: Opening of the higher eye.

UPRAM: Boredom.

UTSAV (or UTSAVA): Religious celebration (in Sahaj Marg this usually refers to the Basant Panchami celebration).

VASANT (see BASANT PANCHAMI)

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